

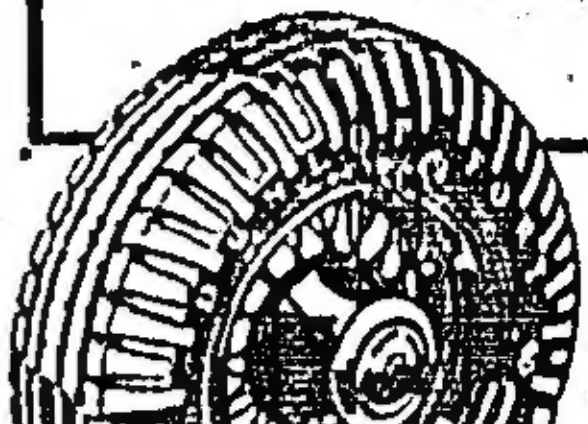
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U. S. MAINTAINS DETERMINED ATTITUDE

ROOSEVELT COMMANDS SITUATION

POLICY LEAVES NATION FACING JAPAN ALONE. SAYS NEW YORK "TIMES"

Washington, Dec. 19. The State Department marked time over the week-end, pending the outcome of the United States naval inquiry into the Panay incident, and the Japanese reply to the American Note.

Whilst determined not to close the incident until Japan gives precise guarantees of full respect for American lives and interests in China in the future, the Department declines to involve itself in any speculation as to what may happen if Japan's reply is unsatisfactory.

One reason for this is that President Roosevelt is in command of the situation and nobody knows what is in the President's mind, except Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary for State.

President Roosevelt possesses the means and the ability to rally public opinion towards stronger action than the mere despatching of Notes. If necessary, but the dilemma in which the Administration now finds itself is expressed in an article in the New York Times, which declares that the United States refusal to act jointly with other Powers in the Far East as long as her interests are not affected, now leaves her facing Japan alone, with a major incident to settle.

BRITONS PREPARED TO LEAVE SHAMEEN

But Only If Lives Are Endangered

(By Staff Correspondent)

Chestnuts In Fire
 The newspaper continues to observe that whenever recently there has been any talk of a common Anglo-American front in the Far East, cries have arisen in the United States that London wants the Americans to pull the British chestnuts out of the fire, but now, says the paper, "we have some chestnuts of our own roasting in China."

The comment adds that the Panay incident has shown that foreign policy based on United States neutrality is no foreign policy at all. It is the consensus of opinion in America that even the Panay incident is insufficient to stir public opinion to authorize joint action, but with the risk of further incidents not ruled out as long as American ships and troops remain in China, it is impossible to predict to what extent the American attitude might be modified by further assaults on American lives and treaty rights.—*Reuter.*

Silence Everywhere
 Tokyo, Dec. 20. It is understood that the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, delivered a supplementary note in connection with Panay incident to Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, late on Friday evening, but the United States Embassy and Japanese Foreign Office refuse to confirm the report, and the Japanese press is silent.

Newspapers feature the fact that the Emperor gave audience to the Prime Minister, Prince Konoze at 8.30 p.m. and again at 10.40 on Saturday. It is understood the Premier reported very fully on the fundamental policies concerning China which were unanimously adopted at Saturday's meeting of the Cabinet which lasted all day.

Prince Konoze also submitted President Roosevelt's request for assurances of safety for U.S. nationals to the Emperor.—*Reuter.*

Ambassador Tries To Sooth U.S.
 Washington, Dec. 19. While the State Department was expecting a formal note guaranteeing the safety of Americans, Mr. H. Saito, the Japanese Ambassador, broadcast a message to American to-night and promised that Japan would take steps to safeguard foreigners and foreign interests in China.

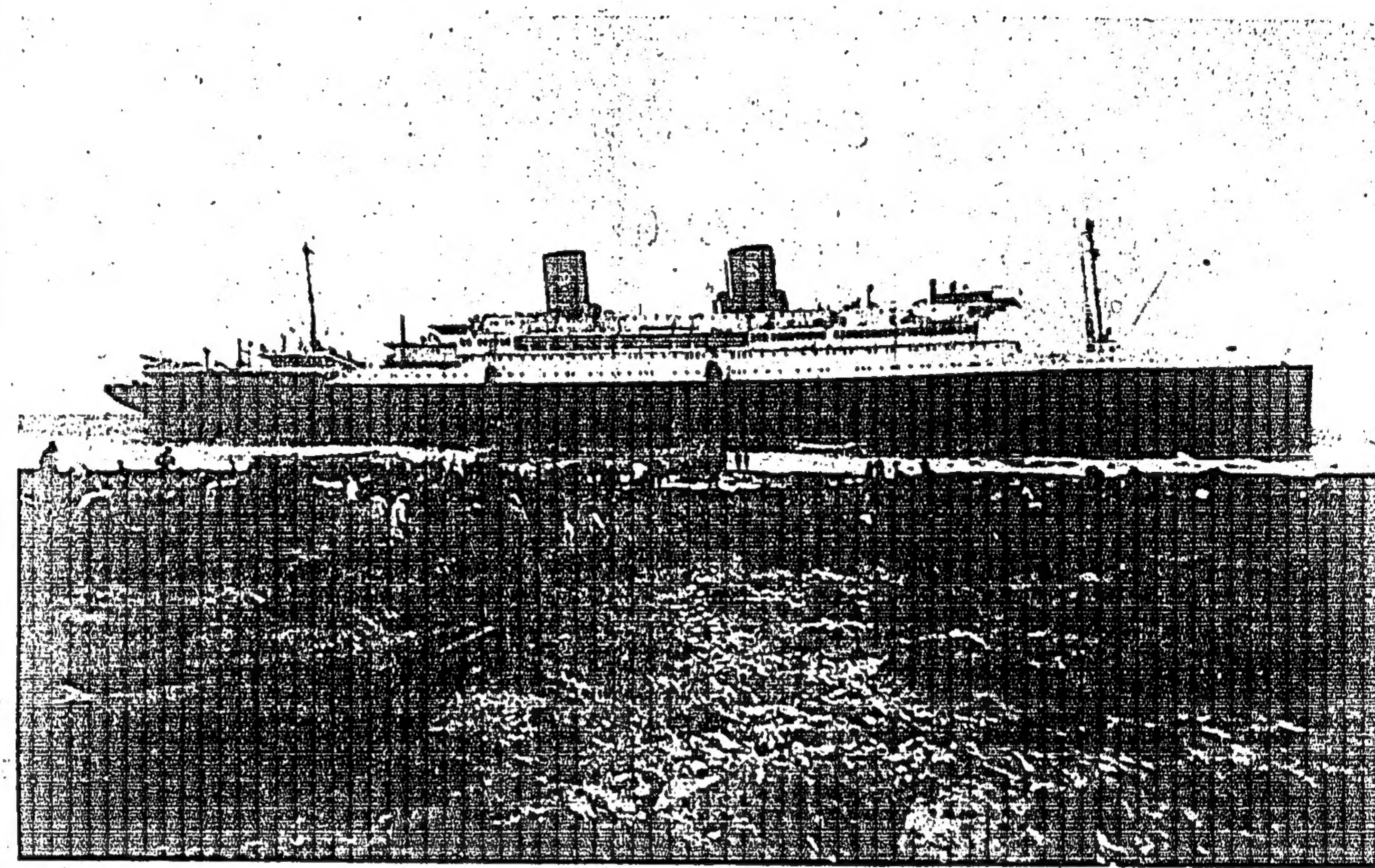
Mr. Saito observed: "Our authorities had not thought that such a blunder could have occurred," the "blunder" referred to being the bombing and sinking of the Panay.—*Reuter.*

France Keeps Firm Friends

Paris, Dec. 19. M. Yvon Delbos, French Foreign Minister, expressed himself very satisfied with his tour of Central Europe when he arrived in Paris this morning from Prague. He was enthusiastically received by large crowds at the railway station. The general opinion is that the tour showed that France's alliances and friendships were as strong and as valuable as ever, and that M. Delbos had enhanced France's prestige.—*Reuter.*

Effort To Obtain Release Of H.K. Man Expected

PRESIDENT HOOVER IS BREAKING UP!



CANTON PEOPLE RUSH FOR H.K.

RUMOURS OF ATTACK SPREAD IN CITY

Canton, Dec. 20. The news that hostilities are likely to break out in South China, following reports of an imminent Japanese landing at Bias Bay, is spreading throughout the city, and steamers to Hongkong and Macao have been crowded with excited Chinese since the early hours this morning, all anxious to avoid what they believe may be a second Nanking disaster.

Chinese official sources at present refuse to comment on the reports of the imminence of the Japanese landing, but the threat to Canton itself is not considered immediate, some sources suggesting that the first Japanese move will be to cut the Canton-Kowloon railway, isolating Canton from Hongkong.

It is reiterated that General Yu Hon-mau's troops which constitute the bulk of Kwangtung's defence forces intend to offer staunch resistance to any invasion.—*Reuter.*

Maryse Hilsz Trying For New Record

Isire, Dec. 19. The famous French aviatrix, Maryse Hilsz took off at 2.30 p.m. G.M.T. to-day for Basrah in an attempt to beat the women's long-distance record flight established by Amelia Earhart, with a non-stop hop of 2,462 miles. Miss Hilsz is flying a Caudron-Simon plane with a 220 horsepower Renault engine, which was given her by the Air Ministry for the purpose of the flight.—*Reuter.*

KEEPING CLOSE CONTACT

Britain Studies Far East Position
 London, Dec. 20. Amplifying previous reports regarding consideration of the strengthening of British forces in the Far East, the Daily Telegraph diplomatic correspondent says the exchange of views between London, Washington and Paris is constant. Hitherto there has been no indication from Washington that if Britain reinforced her naval strength in the Far East, the United States would take similar action. The Anglo-French discussion has been merely preliminary and tentative.

"HOOVER" STARTS TO BREAK UP

Taihoku, Dec. 20. Weakened by the battering received from the heavy seas, the Dollar-Line vessel, President Hoover, which is wrecked on Kishoto Island, commenced to break up this morning. Hurried and very gallant work was necessary to take off the remainder of the crew, but all are reported now to be safe.—*Reuter.*

GALE BRINGS DANGER

From the Dollar Company it was verified that the position of the Hoover has been made more serious by the strong north-east gale that has been blowing all night. Mr. T. D. Wilson, who with Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, marine expert, is on board to see what salvage prospects exist, wireless the company here stating that the engine room had had to be shut down at 4 a.m. since it was no longer possible to work the engines.

The crew, he added, was working well and another and larger tug, the Miho, had come from Moji to assist the Yusho, which left her work with the Asama Maru in Hongkong last week, to assist in salvage. Mr. Wilson did not say in his message what the chances of salvage were. He is expected back in Hongkong on Friday.

No positive point can be reached unless and until Britain decides that reinforcement has become essential. In considering the position Britain will estimate the strength of Chinese resistance and the situation of the Japanese army if it presses into the interior. The Government is also considering how far Japanese policy is dictated by the military and naval commanders, and the strength of moderate opinion in Tokyo among the industrialists, traders and economists.—*Reuter.*

Peace Pact Author Is Dying

St. Paul, Minnesota, Dec. 19. Mr. Frank Billings Kellogg, author of the famous Kellogg Peace Pact, is critically ill following an operation. He had a stroke six weeks ago. Dr. Lepak who is attending Mr. Kellogg says there is virtually no hope, and that his passing is just a matter of hours.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE EXPLAIN SHELLING

Mistook Ladybird For Enemy Ship

Shanghai, Dec. 20. H.M.S. Ladybird was shelled by Japanese batteries near Wuhu on December 12 in the belief that she was an escort for ships carrying Chinese troops, declared a Japanese spokesman to-day in releasing the preliminary findings of the investigation of the incident.

The official said the incident occurred in the early morning when the river was shrouded in thick fog and all distant objects were scarcely discernable. A Japanese officer had told the inquiry that the Ladybird emitted thick smoke which resembled a smoke-screen. In belief that such a convoy could only be used for the transportation of troops, the officer in charge of the battery ordered the guns to fire. The spokesman refused to answer questions as to details of the incident on the grounds that the investigation was still incomplete.—*Reuter.*

RICHARDS STILL IN PRISON

China Reluctant To Release Spy Suspect

Efforts will probably be made by the British authorities in Canton to secure the release to-morrow of Joseph J. Richards of Hongkong, detained by Kwangtung military authorities on suspicion of espionage.

Richards was arrested at Shum Chun on December 6 whilst on his way to Hongkong by the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The British Consul-General in Canton, Mr. A. P. Blunt, informed a Telegraph representative yesterday that no official information had been received of the detention of Richards. Unofficially, however, the matter has been brought to his notice, and it is understood that certain representations have already been made to the Chinese authorities.

Enquiries from Chinese semi-official sources in Canton substantiate the story of the arrest of Richards, who is still alive and in good health.

It is believed that the Chinese are reluctant to release him unless guarantees are forthcoming that the British authorities will take suitable action against him.

The question of rights of British subjects is said to be involved in a unique manner in the case of the detained man. It is admitted in Chinese circles that Richards cannot be brought to trial in a Chinese court. It is believed, however, that the Chinese will insist that any foreigner suspected of espionage on behalf of a country at war with China should be forced to submit to the jurisdiction of a Chinese military tribunal.

DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

The Chinese claim that the release of Richards without trial would establish a dangerous precedent, for assistance by the British authorities of (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

SHAMEEN NOT DISTURBED

Canton, Dec. 20. While excitement is considerable concerning the reports of an intended Japanese landing, foreign Consuls profess themselves to be completely unable to confirm the story, and Shameen is only mildly interested, it being generally felt that this is merely another rumour.

In the event of a Japanese threat to Canton, the British Consul-General, Mr. A. P. Blunt, has announced that British women and children would be requested to evacuate, but *Reuter* is reliably informed that this order has not yet been given, and will not be given until a Japanese landing, likely to affect Canton, actually occurs.

Mr. Blunt left for Hongkong this morning, it is reported, in order to discuss the present situation with the Hongkong authorities.—*Reuter.*

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)



WINTER COATS

AT a hen lunch party the other day the dozen or so women present fell to discussing winter coats. One woman said she'd bought a very plain coat to go with her furs, and another was looking for just the right type of fur capelet to go with a collarless coat; yet another considered that a winter coat without a fur collar simply wasn't worthy of the name.

My immediate neighbours at table had both decided that since you can wear a country coat in town but not a town coat in the country, they have chosen really snug and warm tweed coats, and for the dressy "do's" in town would wear their fur coats—whether they (the wearers) melted or not!

So far as fashion is concerned, they can all do just as they wish and all be in the swim. Fur skins—especially silver fox—are just the peak of chic, and if you're lucky enough to have them you'd be foolish indeed not to get a collarless coat to go with them; equally fur capes. And if you choose a fur-trimmed coat you can please yourself as to whether it has the highest and broadest collar you've ever seen, or neatly tailored revers and trimmings of fur.

I came across the neatest coats in novelty woolen last week, which are specially designed to wear with fur skins and capes. One of these is cut slim and straight, the sleeves slightly full, and a narrow collar just rolled back in front. But what gives this model real character is the pin-tucking on the shoulders to form a sort of yoke and matching tucking on the cuffs and patch pockets.

It's lined through with art silk crepe, and whether you're 39in. hips, or up to 44in., you can buy it at the very inexpensive price in black, navy, brown or new tan.

seen by
Shop
Critic

LOOK at the top left-hand coat that Ambrose has sketched here—it's the perfect cuddly coat in boucle blanket-cloth, lined with taffeta.

I tried one of these on and fell for it at once. I chose mahogany brown, a lovely new red-brown shade. But you can also get it in nigger, navy, green and camel, hip sizes 39in. to 44in.

Then there are the coats of fur cloth—inexpensive, yet all chic and adapted from Paris models. Look at the collar on the black Persian lamb-cloth coat sketched. The little scarf tie coming from under the collar (which you can wear up, or down as in the sketch) is a good fashion note, and you can also get it in navy and brown.

Another coat in this material is a three-quarter swagger, with one of those new American "tummy" belts, which are fastened outside across the front and slotted through the coat of the sides to allow the back to hang straight.

FUR coats follow the fashion just as the cloth ones do. There are loose swaggers in ocelot and wild cat and sea lion for the country, and the smartest possible models with big sleeves and belts for town.

In the sketch you see a coat of Arabian kid in a soft beige shade. It has the sleeves pleated in at the top, a wide pointed collar, and is generally cut just like any cloth coat seemed down the back of the shoulder, and belted with brown kid or suede with a doggy buckle in chromium.

Another up-to-the-moment model there is in grey Indian lamb, and revers faced with the green woolen that lines it and makes the belt. A pocket hangs down from under the belt at one side.

For a real hard-wearing, inexpensive full-length coat you can't beat a Paris-style mink-dyed mar-mot. These skins are more pliable than usual and a very good colour. With wide-topped sleeves and a roll collar that is cut square at the back, almost like a sailor collar, this coat is very new.

If you've chosen a plain cloth coat, then a fox tie is the thing to go with it. If your coat is brown you will probably like a blue fox better.

Must You be High Hat?

YOUR hats this season, as you know, have gone higher and higher, in fact to quite ridiculous heights.

Just as he was getting used to comfortable hats, hats which you could pull on in a hurry, give them a pat on top and say, "Right, I'm ready," mere man is suddenly confronted, and confounded, with something that requires to be poised delicately and worn with your head perpetually carried in the air. Must the new hats swoop upwards in funnel formation, or in frantic haste career madly skywards?

A well-known fashion designer is reported to have said, "when your husband fails to notice your new hat do not be annoyed—he is paying you a compliment." Why?

Can a man enjoy being with a woman who is the cynosure of all eyes? Naturally, of course, the poor fellow imagines all sorts of things. Inquiring glances? Are they scorn or envy? A titter here! A whisper there! What are they thinking? You will find him nervously fingering his tie or tugging fiercely at his hat. He is afraid to look at your "lovely creation," but steals covert glances in darkened shop windows. Surely it is not as bad as he first thought?

When asked for his opinion he will undoubtedly, if he is your fiancé, look sheepish and mutter, "Oh, rather, suits your face, and all that." If your husband, most likely he will fiddle with his pipe and grunt something unintelligible.

What are your thoughts as you venture, courageously forth, head held. Oh! the inspiration of a new hat. But—what was that glance? Feverishly you fumble for your mirror. "Is it too high" (undoubtedly.) "Does it come too far forward?" Panic-stricken you pull a little here, push a little there, until finally in sheer despair you decide "I should have chosen that other one."

A Mere Male

Coming Coiffures

HAIR fashion forecasts say that heads are to remain swathed and sleek, with flat plastic curls arranged halo-wise around a burnished crown. This style looks well with both day and evening clothes, and is an ideal coiffure to show off stud-earrings to advantage.

The "pageboy" coiffure is very chic just now, but it has to be worn with discrimination. It looks best on a woman who is young, well-dressed and preferably fair.

Whispers from Paris say that the shingle will soon be back, but in a very soft and feminine edition. The back of the head will be closely trimmed, but the front will be longer and more curly.



Will Her Dream Come True?

How Many Anaemic, Run-Down Girls

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Many girls are deprived of the opportunity of a husband and a home because of their wretched state of health. Others, who do marry are often worse off, for a wife's ill-health has been the cause of many unhappy marriages.

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Blood impoverishment is responsible for the pale cheeks, gaunt figures, lack-lustre eyes, poor appetites, low spirits, and general enfeeblement of many young women to-day.

Many such anaemic women, and men too, have recovered vibrant health and strength by a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the world famous iron tonic which actually creates new rich, red blood. Here is a typical case in point, that of Miss W. Harvey, 13 Wrenkin Place, Sheffield, England, who states, "I seemed to be always ailing; I had no appetite and felt listless and languid. I was very anaemic and my nerves were in a shocking state. I felt miserable and depressed and could not sleep at night no matter how tired I was."

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Add the dry ingredients to first mixture alternating with 2 1/2 cups of milk. Add 1 teaspoon of vanilla and beat mixture for two minutes. Pour into a shallow cake tin which has been well greased, and bake in a moderately slow oven (325 degrees) for about 1 1/4 hour.

For frosting, blend 3 tablespoons of butter with 1/4 cup of hot prune juice, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Beat in 2 tablespoons of chopped cooked prunes and 1/2 cup of chopped nuts. Then gradually add about 4 cups of sifted icing sugar, beating until the mixture is smooth and of spreading consistency. Spread on cake when cooled.

Wedding Gift Ideas

WEDDING presents are always a strain on the imagination. The ideal is something useful and decorative and at the same time durable and of good value.

A good idea is one of the new inkstands carved out of a solid slab of jade. This is also an ashtray and a clock, and makes a handsome ornament for a library, writing room or bedroom.

A silver clock-cum-barometer-cum-thermometer would be appreciated in any household and an article of old Georgian silver or a gift of old silver inlaid for wine bottles and decanters would be highly prized by a newly-married couple.

Cruets have become a joke as far as wedding gifts are concerned. The result is that many newly-weds find themselves without anything to hold their condiments.

The latest idea is to have a cruet made in the form of silver flowers with golden stamens from which pepper and salt can be shaken like pollen.

Leek And Spaghetti Soup

MELT 1 oz. butter in a saucepan and add 6 medium-sized leeks which have been well washed and thinly sliced. Put the lid on the pan and cook for 10 minutes, then pour on 2 pints of tepid water and cook for 20 minutes.

Now add 2 oz. spaghetti, which has been broken up into small pieces and cook till the spaghetti is soft, about 15 minutes. Season the soup to taste and just before serving add 1 pint milk which has been brought to the boil. Serve with a dish of grated cheese.

B. M.

Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

Savoury Pancakes

WHAT are we to do when there's a little meat left over but not very much? How are we best to eke it out?

This is where stuffed savoury pancakes come in, a delicious novelty to most, and really quite a special dish for special occasions.

A good pancake mixture for this dish is as follows: Sieve four ounces of flour and a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt into a basin, and in a well in the middle drop in an egg-yolk and work in a gill of milk gradually. Beat well, add another gill of milk, and finally the beaten egg-white. Leave if possible for an hour or two before using. Then make your pancakes, and keep them hot.

MEANWHILE you will have minced or chopped up some left-over meat, or fish, or even vegetables such as peas or beans, bind them with some nicely flavoured and rather thick sauce (if you can think of nothing else, tomato sauce is as good as any), put a few spoonfuls down the centre of each pancake, and fold over the ends on top. Arrange them in a long dish, pour some more sauce over them, sprinkle

them if you like with a little grated cheese, and brown quickly in the oven or under the grill.

Here are some suggestions for stuffings:

Chopped hard-boiled eggs with a white sauce like parsley or onion. Flaked, cooked, smoked haddock bound with white or cheese sauce. A mixture of vegetables, peas, beans, carrots, turnips in cubes, all bound with a little white sauce.

Any minced or finely chopped cooked meat, bound with a well-flavoured gravy or some sauce or other. Chopped or sliced cooked mushrooms bound with a brown sauce. Chopped chicken bound lobster or crab in a white or tomato sauce.

In fact, anything that you think will go well with the pancake. In most cases a sprinkling of grated cheese is an excellent addition at the end and usually improves the appearance of the dish by browning the top.

This is an extremely simple dish to make, for the stuffing can be made beforehand and only warmed up, while the frying of the pancakes is a very simple matter. And very few people, I find, have ever heard of it. Try it for yourself and see.



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MOB FORCE GIRL TO HER KNEES BEFORE PRIEST

Made To Give A Vow: Awarded Slander Damages Against A Ringleader

In the lonely country of Co. Mayo, in the extreme west of Ireland, a pretty girl of twenty-five was dragged by a mob through a mile and a half of bog road, and forced on her knees before a priest to vow that she would stop seeing a married man.

The girl was in the man's car when the attack was made. No attempt to interfere was made by the authorities. At Ballina, the girl—Miss Mary Stokes—was awarded £75 slander damages and costs against one of the ringleaders of the mob.

The story, one of the strangest that have yet come out of the Irish Free State, was told in the court of Judge Wyse Power.

The kidnapping was not denied. No attempt was made to justify it.

Miss Stokes claimed damages from a 42-year-old farmer, Peter McDonagh, of Geesalagh.

Her case was that in Geesalagh dispensary McDonagh alleged that Miss Stokes lived immorally in London and came home to do the same thing.

Counsel for Miss Stokes said that while she was going to Geesalagh with her sister she met a married man named Heneghan in a motor-car.

A crowd surrounded the car and pulled Heneghan out.

DRAGGED A MILE

Miss Stokes escaped, but she was pursued by the mob, armed with sticks, and dragged about a mile and a half along a bog road.

In the course of this she fainted. She was then thrown across a bicycle, and carried in that way back to the motor-car. Then, with Heneghan, she was taken to Belmullet.

There they were brought before a Roman Catholic curate, who made Miss Stokes go down on her knees and promise never again to go with Heneghan.

This, said counsel, was an admitted fact. He added: "I cannot refer to the lack of subsequent criminal proceedings without stating that it is one of the greatest outrages that ever occurred in this circuit, having regard to the fact that it was suggested that Miss Stokes should be medically examined."

ASKED TO KIDNAP HER

Miss Stokes, in evidence, said that McDonagh was the leader of the mob.

When she was brought before the priest Father Munnely put her down on her knees and made her promise she would never go into Heneghan's car again.

He said that if she did "the Lord would cuff her."

Then she had to make the vow.

Mr. Connolly, for the defence, said that the kidnapping of the girl, and bringing her before the priest, indicated a rather unusual state of affairs that might not be found except in the more remote parts of the west of Ireland.

But he defended the case entirely on the submission that McDonagh did not use the words alleged.

GIRL STRUCK MAN

McDonagh, in evidence, agreed that he was one of the kidnappers.

He said that he had been asked by Father Farrell, the Roman Catholic curate in Geesalagh, to bring the girl to Belmullet.

He denied that he was suggesting that the girl was living in immoral life, but it was in the minds of the public that she was keeping company with a married man.

McDonagh said that it was only in the eyes of the public that Miss Stokes was doing wrong.

It was Heneghan they took to the priest and the girl came along with him. Father Farrell was the ringleader, who organised the kidnapping.

He agreed that he told another man to follow the girl, as the priest wanted her brought to the Belmullet curate.

When being kidnapped the girl struck her kidnappers across the face. He denied that she was flung across a bicycle after she fainted or that Munnely told her she would be in her coffin.

The judge, referring to the kidnapping, said that counsel for the defence had frankly said he would not attempt to justify what had happened.

"FORCIBLY DRAGGED"

It was an unpleasant part of the case that McDonagh had said that he was only carrying out the outrage on the instructions of the local Roman Catholic curate for Farrell.



To see Ulbury, Gloucestershire haunt of artists and beauty lovers, is inevitably to "want to live in the country." A pictorial study from the Homeland.

Heston Airport Sold To Government

HESTON Airport was sold recently to the Government.

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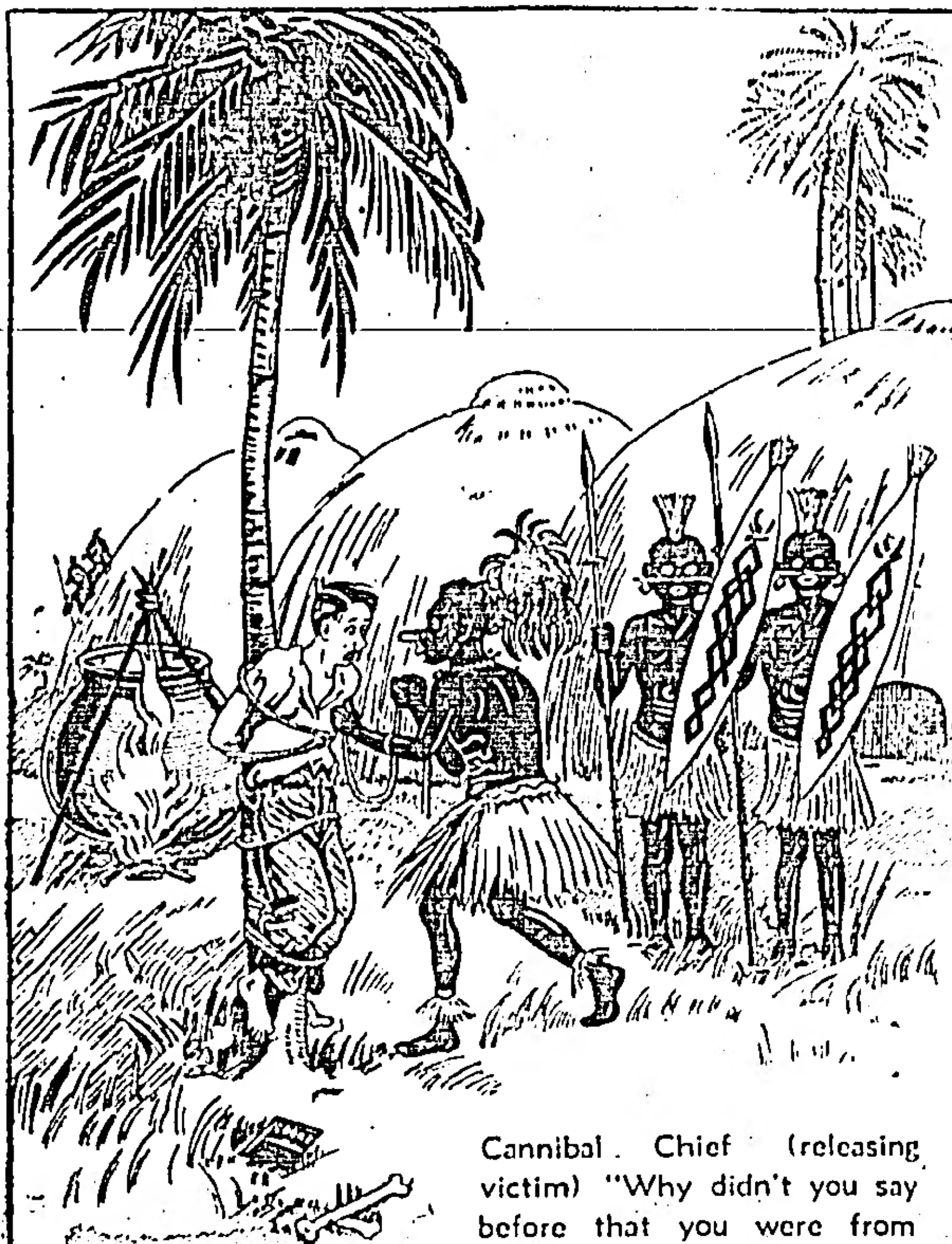
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AMERICA'S STRONG NOTE

Regarding Panay.
Incident

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

It is learned that Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador to Tokyo, has presented to the Japanese Government a strong written protest against the machine-gunning of the U.S.S. Panay, which is considered to be the most serious representation thus far.—United Press.

Japanese Cabinet Meets

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. K. Hirota, made a full report to the Cabinet last night on the various steps to be taken by the Japanese Government to deal with the U.S.S. Panay and H.M.S. Ladybird incidents and informed his colleagues of the contents of the Anglo-American notes of protest.

Following the exchange of views General Sugiyama, Minister of War, called a conference of high officials in the Ministry of War to discuss the Wuhu incident involving British warships and merchantsmen.—Reuter.

Reply to Britain

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, visited the Foreign Office and asked for clarification of some of the points in the Japanese reply to the British protest on the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird.—United Press.

Conciliatory Gesture

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Carrying bouquets of flowers and painstakingly composed English letters, four high school girls called on the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie and his family to express sympathy and regret for the shelling of the H.M.S. Ladybird. The girls asked the Ambassador to convey their regrets to the English people.—Reuter.

Official Explains

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

A Japanese army official promised fuller reports on the Ladybird and Panay incidents on Monday.

With reference to the former he said the river was foggy and the Ladybird emitted smoke resembling a smoke screen, which was the reason for her being mistaken for a Chinese vessel.

He did not comment on the question of why the firing continued until the Ladybird was so close to the shore that the field guns could no longer be depressed sufficiently to take aim.—United Press.

NO DEMONSTRATION

EMPEROR'S ATTITUDE MAY SATISFY AMERICA

Washington, Dec. 19.

No naval demonstration in Far Eastern waters is contemplated, according to a statement issued by the White House.

A Department of State official declared there was a possibility of the Japanese Emperor sending President Roosevelt guarantees against further interference with United States rights in China. This speculation was based on news at the Cabinet meeting at Tokyo, at which the Government is reported to have been struck by information presented by the United States Ambassador, Mr. Grew, showing that Japanese army motor boats were also involved in the Panay incident.

It is considered here that the Emperor realized the indignation in the United States and was determined to do all that he could personally to allay it.—Reuter.

CHINESE EXPECTATION

AMERICA MAY ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF BRITAIN

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

According to American naval circles here, warships in Hawaii and the Pacific coast have steam up ready to leave for China at a few hours' notice. American warships are replenishing their supplies in anticipation of orders for China waters.

It is pointed out here that the American navy will take independent action and will not officially cooperate with the British Navy for fear of unfavourable reactions on the part of the American public, who believe that Great Britain, having greater and direct interest in South China, would utilize the American navy for British ends.

The American Government is attempting to forestall such criticism on the part of the public, who are aroused by the deliberate attack on the U.S.S. Panay and unwillingness of the Japanese to admit this fact. America will be satisfied if the Japanese Emperor tenders an apology. It is believed here.

American opinion, according to Washington reports received here, is crystallizing and is behind President Franklin Roosevelt in handling the Far Eastern situation. The peace societies and the isolationists have ceased to criticize the Government over the Panay affair.—International.

RADIO BROADCAST

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8.05 Chinese Programme—Relay from the Ko Shing Theatre. 11.00. Close down.

8.05-11.00 European Programme from ZELK.

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8.55 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

"Madam Butterfly" And Why Was He So Careful... Rosetta Pampaloni and Conchita Velasquez. One Fine Day... Rosetta Pampaloni (Soprano). "Manon Lescaut"—Intermezzo... Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lorenzo Melajoli. "La Fanciulla del West": My Father Died Just Six Months Ago; Let Her Believe That I Have Gained My Freedom... Alessandro Violante (Tenor).

9.15 London Relay—Empire Exchange.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Paul Robeson (Bass). "Lullaby": You Didn't Oughta Do Such Things (film "Big Fella"); Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child (arr. Brown); Poem (Minstrel Man) (Hugues).

10.0 Variety.

Violin—Medley Of Hornpipes; Medley Of Jigs... Sean Nolan. Comedienne—Give Me A Heart To Sing To; Frankie And Johnny (from the film)... Helen Morgan (Monckton) Vocal—The Quaker Girl—Vocal Gems... Light Opera Company. Cinema Organ—In A Bird Store (Lake); In A Clock Store (Orth); Terence Casey. Accordion—Bell Ringer, Fox-Trot... Maurice Alexander.

10.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—It Looks Like Rain In Cherry Blossom Lane; In An Old Cathedral Town... Jack Harris and His Orchestra. Sweet Is The Word For You; Blue Hawaii (film "Walkie Wedding")... Eddie Carroll and The Casual Club Orchestra. Sunset In Vienna (from "Vienna Sunset"); You're Looking For Romance I'm Looking For Love... Brian Lawrence and His Landowne Orchestra. I'm Feeling Like A Million (film "Broadway Melody of 1936"); Caravan... Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Ten Pretty Girls; Waltz Of The Gipsies (London Rhapsody)... Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra. 11.00 Close down.

MOTOR ACCIDENT

Police Sergeant In Collision

While returning from escort duty to Hongkong Prison, Stanley, on Saturday, Lance-Sergeant G. Harris of the Police was involved in an accident between his motor cycle and a private motor car on Stanley Road.

It is not known exactly how the accident occurred, but Sergeant Harris apparently hit the outside of the car, and was thrown off his cycle, sustaining a compound fracture of a leg. He was later removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The cycle was extensively damaged, especially the exhaust pipe on the right side, which was wrenched off and twisted back.

CAR IN SEA

Dr. Lam, Government Medical Officer at Taiipo, was driving a coolie to Kowloon Hospital yesterday to receive treatment for a dislocated shoulder when the car left the road opposite Island House, Taiipo, and plunged five feet into the sea.

The occupants were rescued with no additional injuries and taken to Kowloon in another car.

WHEN WINTER COMES

(Continued from Page 6.)

But the man worthy of the name is he who faces up to winter. He who treats it like any other season of the year.

Defying the Rain

The out-of-doors life pays in winter as well as in any other time. It is true that one gets windings. They are more unpleasant in bitterly cold weather than they are between summer's spells of warm sunshine. But, if one is properly clad for them and changes as soon as one gets home, they ought to do no harm. Indeed, their sequel should be invigoration. There is nothing so refreshing and hand-some as a good, hard, swift walk in the rain. The air is at its best then. The falling rain clears the impurities out of the atmosphere.

Much of our discomfort during winter is caused by the stubborn way in which we dwell upon the season's drawbacks. If we would only withdraw our thoughts from these, we would not be troubled nearly so much by illness and depression.

Winter ought to be a cheery time. It is true that bright sunshine is at a premium. But there are compensations.

Winter is visiting time. When the heat and good weather beckons us to the hills, countryside, and seashore, we have not too much time for ordinary social intercourse, except in an out-of-doors sense. But when the weather breaks down the chance arrives to seek out friends in their own homes. To ask them back again.

An Inspiration

In winter, in order to fight ill and down-in-the-mouth feelings, one should always be up and doing. The mind should be kept occupied with interesting pleasures or tasks. It is this period in the year in which the round of theatres and picture houses should be undertaken. There is no use sitting moping over a fire. This is just asking to be put to bed with hot water bottle, aspirins, and gruel. If you cannot afford much running about, there are attractive hobbies that anyone can take up.

Winter, viewed properly, should be an inspiration, not a dose of chloroform. Possibly you are one of those who cannot stand visiting at any price. Social occasions get you down. Well, then, go off on your own somewhere on Saturday afternoons, or in the evenings. In these days of cheap bus fares nearby towns are brought almost to our own doorsteps. One can pop off for an evening and have a cheap meal in a comfy, well-lit inn or hotel.

Winter is a season of opportunities. In summer, there is a general feeling that it is a shame to miss getting out into the open air whenever possible. No such obstacle arises in winter. Winter is the time in which everyone should work hard and play hard.

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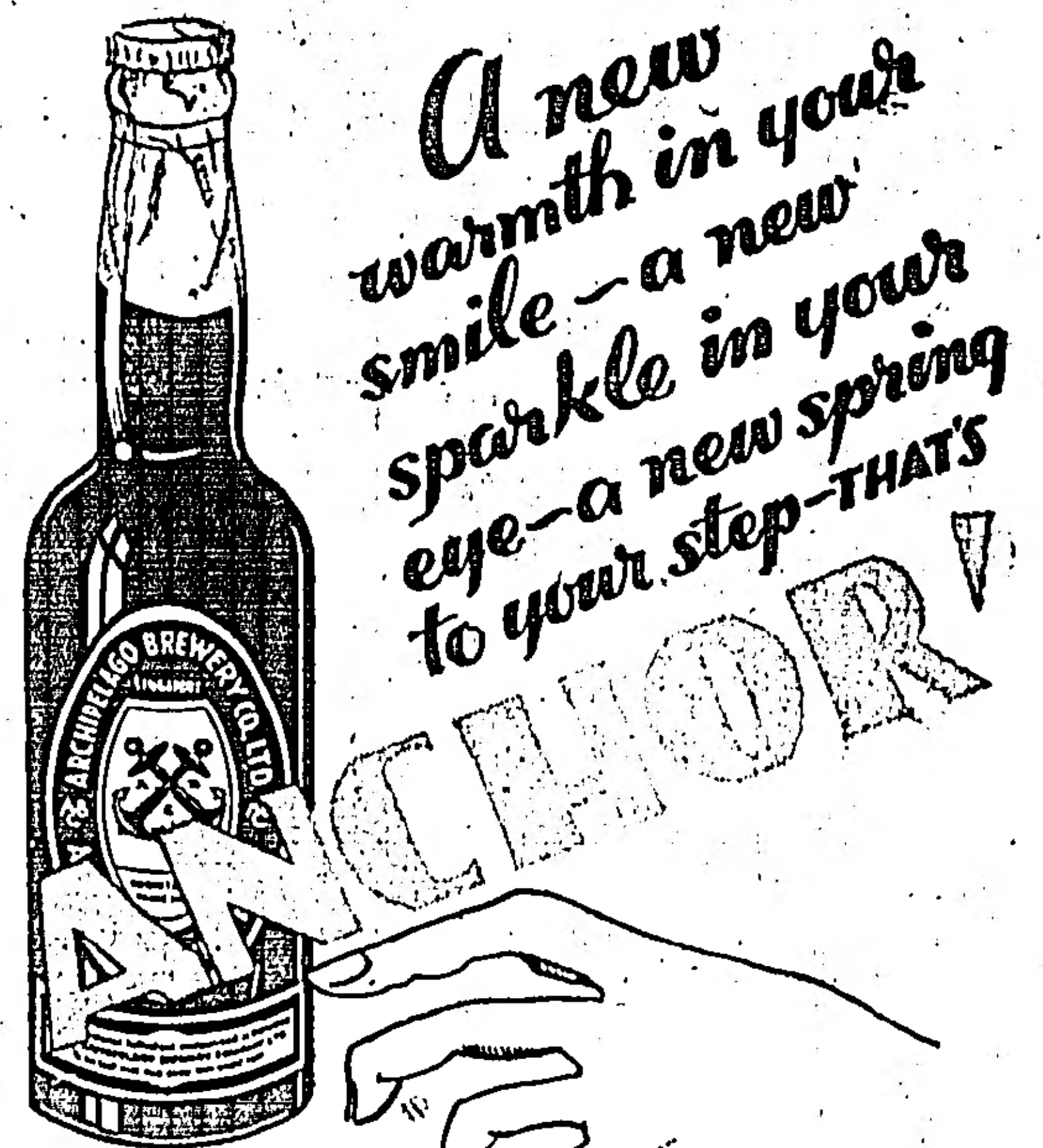
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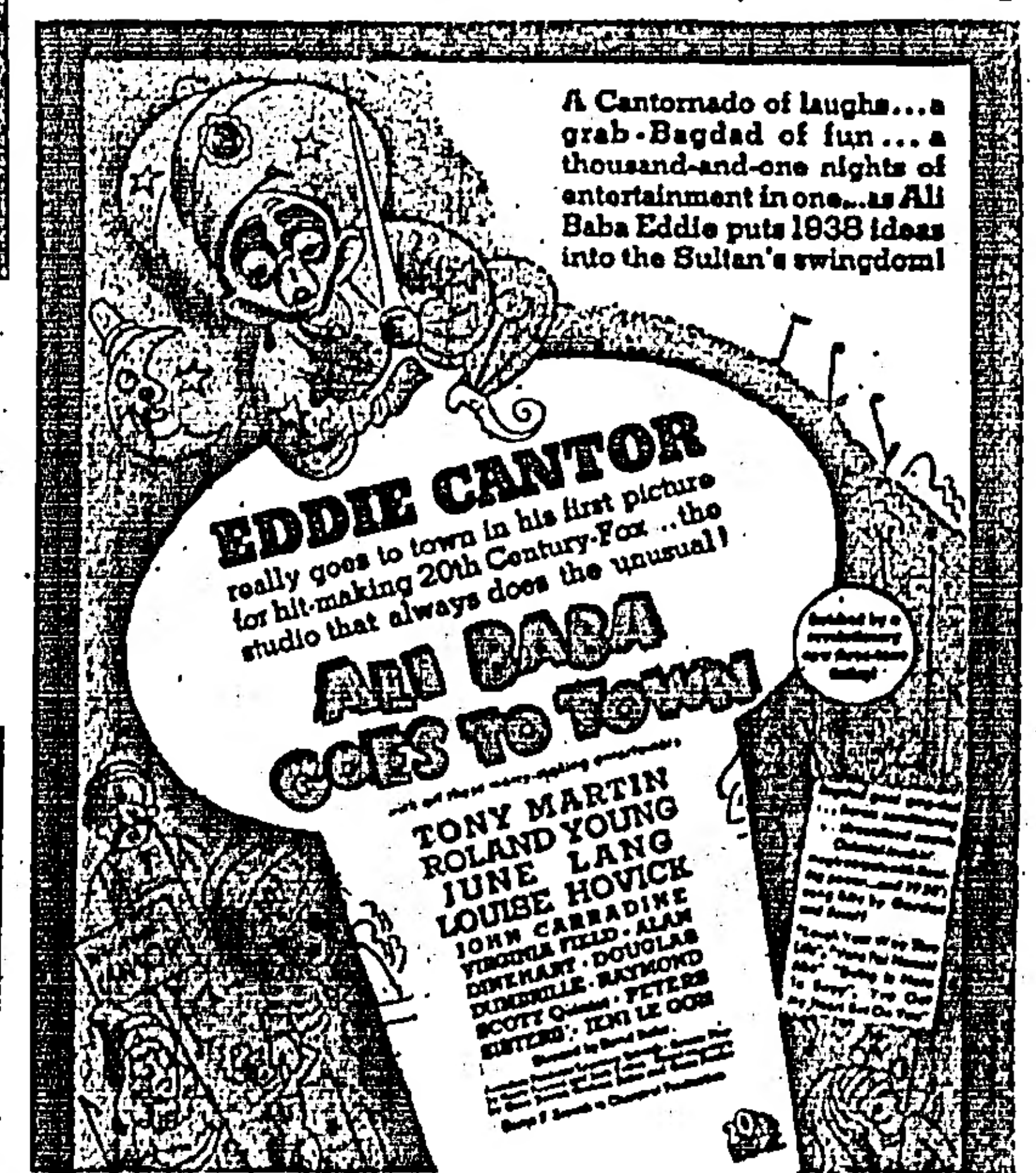
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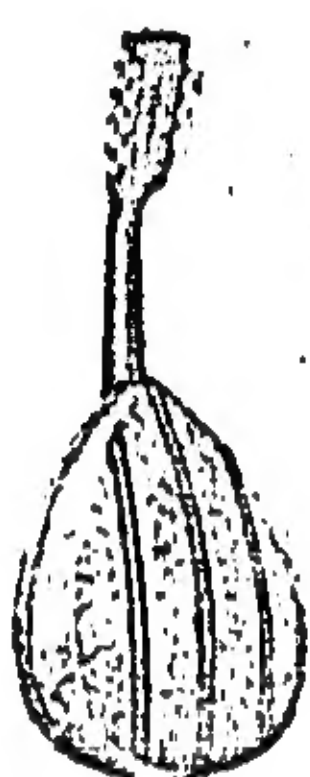
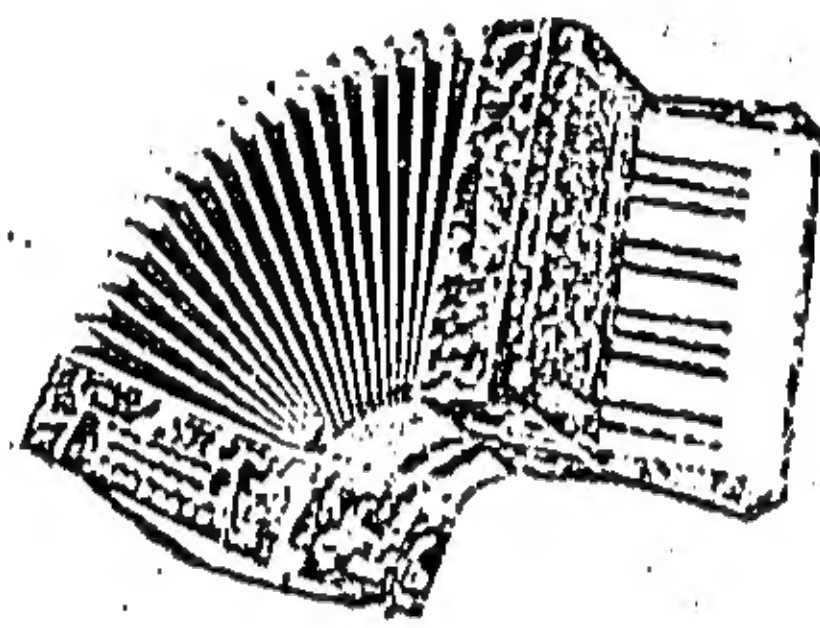
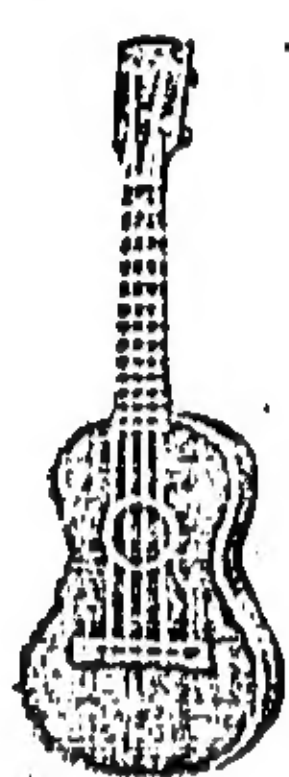


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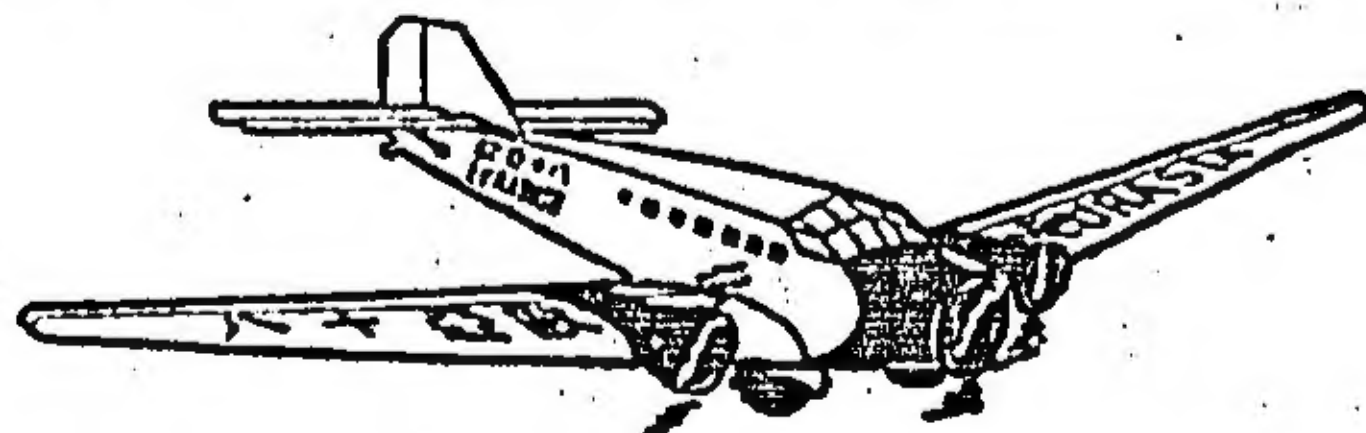


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The Government of Hongkong is to be congratulated upon its decision to lay down in the near future two 21-inch trans-harbour pipelines, instead of the 18-inch line recommended in the recent Report on the Water Supply. Provision for an adequate water supply for this growing Colony is one of the essentials in any Government programme of development, though water is an element not always interesting to the public. Man, generally speaking, is more concerned with his food. But a moment's reflection will show that water is the most vital necessity in life. We take it too much for granted. There are complaints enough if the supply is cut off even for a few hours, and although Hongkong is no stranger to the idea of rationing it would commence to feel uncomfortable if the hours of supply were cut to, say, four or five throughout the day. Such a condition of affairs is not by any means impossible. Hongkong's own reservoirs are far from adequate for supplying the needs of the Island. And in a year of late or little rain, Hongkong would be a dry spot indeed were it not for the supply available from Kowloon's usually well-filled lakes.

Examination by diver of the water pipes across the harbour early this year revealed that the 12-inch line laid in 1929-30 had corroded badly. The report leads to the belief that the pipe is considered to have deteriorated to a dangerous extent. In the 18-inch main serious corrosion has also occurred. Moreover, there is considerable doubt that pipe of this load is adequate for the needs of the immediate future. In any event, the decision to construct two 21-inch lines is welcome; for it not only assures the Island of a volume of water sufficient for its needs but, in the event of damage to one of the pipes, would prevent any real hardship.

These pipe lines form a vulnerable section of the Island's lines of communication, it is recognised. It is not necessary to stress here the necessity of adequate water supply for the preservation of the health, indeed the life, of the Colony. Since Hongkong's defences at this time are a matter of interest to everyone, it is gratifying to know that with the completion of the proposed new mains the Island's supplies are doubly secure. But there is also a problem in the protection of the source of supply. Such great engineering works as the Shing Mun Dam offer an exceptionally fine target to anyone bent upon the destruction of this Colony or the procuring of surrender. How better could an enemy strike a blow than at a fortress' water, every bit as

Refugees fleeing from
the Japanese bombers—
"men, women, children
—bedding, baskets,
pillowcases filled with
goodness knows what"

NINA W. TROY, American missionary in China, sent to a friend in London this vivid extract from her diary which tells of the flight of refugees from threatened Soochow, near Shanghai, to a mountain retreat, Mokanshan. This first-hand account of how Japan's undeclared war on China affects the ordinary people was received in London simultaneously with news that a huge area of the residential section of Soochow had been demolished, with enormous casualties among civilians. Only a few reached the security of Mokanshan...

SUNDAY—Things are growing more and more tense. Last night we met here to discuss plans and hear the Shanghai news over my radio. The call has come from our Consul, "Prepare to Evacuate"; but no orders to evacuate or instructions where to go. So we are waiting. "We are hoping that, even now, events will not make it necessary for us to go. For the hospital here [Soochow] is going to need help. It is terribly short of staff. The radio calls last night and this morning remind me of the calls that were

WHEN WINTER COMES

WHAT do you do with yourself in winter? Does the bad weather get the better of you? Does the cold "kill" you? Or do you conquer conditions, make them your servants?

So many people throw up their hands when winter comes. "Kamerad!" they cry. "Please don't be too hard on me," they moan.

The first signs of winter see thick clothing and woolly waistcoats produced. Fires are piled up. Hot water bottles are ordered for beds. Worse still, conversation turns upon the weather. The cold, wet, foggy atmosphere is mentioned ad nauseam. Its ill-effects are stressed by all and sundry.

Psychologically, a vast number of persons talk themselves into a state of misery in winter. If they feel cheerful when they leave their homes for work, they are right down in the dumps by the time they have told their friends, or their friends have informed them, how treacherous are winter winds and rains.

A Wrong Approach

The majority of us approach winter in quite the wrong spirit. We make up our minds to be wretched. And wretched we become.

Mr. A. gets a cold every December. He is determined upon that point. He cannot remember a December when he has not had a cold or influenza. He tells his pals all about it. They are not interested, but that does not stop him from recording the sensational news. December comes. Mr. A. settles back comfortably, waiting for the cold. Until that appears, he is unhappy. Of course, it comes sooner or later. He thinks himself into it. Although a sad case with his cold, he is inwardly happy. He has done his great trick. His annual big event is on.

Some individuals are so unhappy in winter that I often consider it a pity they cannot be like some animals and hibernate. Many of them come near to it. One never sees them except when they are going to and from their work. They bury themselves indoors. They may as well be in the earth for all the good their lives are to them in winter.

Others, more affluently placed, hibernate in a different way. They flee to the sunshine of the South of France or other delectable spots.

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SUNDAY: "Things are growing more tense..."

MONDAY: "Twenty-three planes roared overhead..."

I FLED from the BOMBERS



chow seems to be the safest place we know of.

Now I am taking my watch by the radio. We are dividing up the hours so that no calls shall be missed. As I write planes are zooming overhead. We are on the direct air route from Shanghai to Nanking, and hardly an hour passes without we hear the roar of their engines. Markings are not clear, but we judge them to be Chinese. We hope so, anyway.

MONDAY MORNING.—No one is allowed on the streets to-day. We are getting ready to evacuate, for we realise the call may come at any moment. The servants asked that if we went no one should stay. But some of them may wish to.

MONDAY, 4 P.M.—A Japanese plane formation has just left us: 23 death-dealing bombers, bombing just outside Soochow. We heard them coming. A great roar of engines sent Kate and I rushing to our uncovered porch. We saw them, a great distance above us.

While we were wondering whether or not they were the question was answered by a great crash to the south. We dived for the comparative shelter of the house. Everyone gathered in an inside hall on the first floor where radio instructions told us to go in case of a raid. Fifteen bombs dropped in quick succession, shaking doors and windows—and folk. None was very near us; but they sounded as if they were right next door.

LATER.—All afternoon and evening planes have been zooming overhead. Several times during the afternoon the sirens called everyone to cover, and distant booms were heard. But Soochow continued tense and quiet, waiting, watching, dreading.

By supper-time things seemed quietened down. At 5.30 we went in to supper. We had just got the blessing asked and the plates served when someone said, "Listen!" We knew only too well what to listen to. A thunderous noise announced yet another raid (we learned later that there were 40 planes which came in formation, then scattered and covered the entire city). We went back to the inside hall again; family, friends, servants, refugees from across the city. The electricity was switched off to protect us against fire should we be hit.

We heard plane after plane sweep by, then the deep boom and crash of an exploding bomb, another, another. Then a short pause as the planes turned back again, another explosion, and another.

Our doors and windows, our new house, and we ourselves shook. The house seemed to be made of pasteboard. One bomb dropped so near that we feared the new school building had been hit.

For an hour it kept on: a roar increasing in intensity as the planes advanced, the noise of the explosions as bombs were dropped, a pause as the planes made a great circle over the city, then the whole procedure over again.

TUESDAY.—Slept in small room in hospital, like sardines. There were no raids during the night, but even so there was not much sleep for us. We thought and talked about the raids.

I asked one doctor whether his house had rattled. "The house?" he said. "I don't know. I was trembling so myself, I couldn't tell about the house."

The uncertainty of everything unnerved us more than the actual danger. We were so tense, not knowing what to expect, fearing to move to see to even necessary things. We heard the roar of the planes when they were there—and thought we heard, when it was only the rising wind. Even the bang of a door caused us to glance at each other in dread.

This morning has been better: only occasional planes passing in twos and threes. But distant explosions are a constant reminder that the danger is not so far away as we would like.

Mr. Henry has returned from Mokanshan. He has been trying since Sunday to get us boat, bus or launch to take us to Mokanshan or out of Soochow. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs is helping, too. But boats are scarce, and boatmen fear to take them out, for the Government has commandeered boats, trains and buses for troop movements.

Everyone listens for a whistle: wondering whether the one long blast will be followed by two short ones, to tell us that raiders are on the way.

Then, at last, the boat arrived and into it we tumbled. But still no one breathed freely until we were past the landing field two miles outside the city—and we were really on our way from threatened Soochow to Mokanshan and safety.

To-day's Thought
ETERNAL law allowed us one entrance
into life but many exits.
—SENECA.

Haile Selassie Too Poor To Heat £5,500 Home

JEWELS SOLD: STAFF TRAVEL 'THIRD'

By Lindon Laing

Bath, Nov. 19.

HAILE SELASSIE—one-time King of Kings, Lion of Judah, still listed in the telephone book as Emperor of Ethiopia—shivers in his cloak as he strides the corridors of his sixteen-roomed Bath villa, because, he declares, he cannot afford coal for the fires.

I saw the ex-Emperor to-night—his beard trim as ever, and the dignity of his bearing undiminished by his confession of poverty—just before he went to worship in the little conservatory which has been converted into a chapel.

He prays there each night and morning, without a fire. When I asked if present circumstances depressed the Emperor, the answer was—

"He still has his faith in God. That is his armour, that no adversity can pierce."

Haile Selassie, I am told, paid £4,500 for the villa in which twenty-two members of his family, his bodyguard and his servants live. He spent a further £1,000 on the house before moving in.

A considerable sum must have gone on special locks and door fastenings, for Haile Selassie is still guarded as he was in his glory.

He paid the £5,500 with silver carried from Ethiopia.

WANTS TO SELL HOUSE AND CAR

A member of the Emperor's staff told me: "The Emperor is anxious to sell the house as soon as possible. He does not want to make any profit on it. He also wants to sell his big German car."

"He wants to move into smaller quarters; every economy must now be practised. In a smaller house some of the refugees would have to be boarded out. That would be cheaper."

We talked in the cheerless, chilly drawing room furnished with antique high-backed chairs of Imperial red and gold—a mockery of the splendour of Addis Ababa.

The drawing-room fire, I was told, is only lighted on very special occasions. The house has no central heating. The only open fires to burn regularly are those in the Emperor's study and in the nursery where five children play.

The melancholy Ethiopian to whom I talked said: "Unfortunately it is true that we must cut down even on coal."

He pointed out that this discussion of ways and means caused the Emperor considerable distress, and when I pressed for details of the capital now available he referred me to a statement in which the Emperor said he brought from Ethiopia only sufficient silver for his immediate needs, and was now left with no income.

"Refugees keep appealing to the Emperor for help," I was told. "It is very difficult for them to realise how circumstances have changed."

When the Emperor's secretary arrived to London he always got himself lost. "The Emperor of the expense the Emperor has lately taken to travelling to London alone."

"His life is very simple, daily walks and writing in his study. No elaborate or large-scale entertaining—just a few individual friends, occasionally."

"And, yes, there is a fire in the dining-room."

Bath knows how the Emperor's circumstances have changed. The other day a local jeweller was offering for sale a platinum piece set with diamonds. The price was £57 15s. It was one of the few pieces of jewellery that the Emperor's household carried away.

COUSIN LIVES IN CONVERTED GARAGE

The Emperor's cousin and I wife live in a converted garage in the garden.

When they go shopping in the city and hire a car, they take one of the smaller cabs that ply for hire at 8d. a mile. The larger cabs cost 1s. 4d. a mile.

One child from the household attends a local elementary school.

Knowledge that the Emperor can no longer afford his former style of living has not been without effect on the people in this city of so many tragedies. There is ill-health and pensioned loneliness here, but I doubt whether—but for the faith that still sends him to his chilly chapel twice a day—there is any sadder story in Bath to-day than that of Haile Selassie.



Reminiscent of Millet's famous "Angelus" two French peasants pause at 11 o'clock on Armistice Day in memory of fallen soldiers. The picture was taken near Amiens and the shelled chateau in the background is a grim reminder of the agony of France in the dark years.

Living History: Good-bye to Dry-as-Dust

History lessons are going to be more than the ordinary dull routine from now on for the children of North London.

They are to study dates, economic movements and other usually dry-as-dust matters in an entirely new way—by examining articles of hte period.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Students Present Cantata

The students of the Seventh Day Adventists' Far Eastern Academy, American Refugee School from Shanghai, gave a colourful Christmas cantata, "The Lost Carol," at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. The hall of the Institute was crowded.

The story was based on the foundation of the carol, "Silent Night," and the entire setting took place in a sitting room of a little town in Austria at Christmas Eve in the year 1818. The cantata was interspersed with music, reading from passages in the Bible, and living tableaux.

The action of the play centred on the theme of forgiveness and goodwill. Franz Gruber, an elderly man, formerly organist and choir master in the church located next to his home, is an invalid with a very embittered outlook on life, because his name and family was disgraced by a son, who was an outcast from the home. This role was taken by William Hillard, who gave an excellent portrayal. His acting, particularly in the situation where he was confronted with the problem of how he could forgive the son who had disgraced him, was convincing.

The part of the wife, Gertrude Gruber, a motherly old lady who had known much suffering as a result of her husband's attitude towards life, and particularly toward the son, was played by Margaret Becker. She gave a sincere rendering of the part, and was very impressive in the passage where she begged her husband's forgiveness of the son.

Harold Clark was well cast as Karl Mueller, the choir master who took the place of Franz, while Alwyn Davis was adequate in the small role of the son.

Tableaux of the parables of "The Prodigal Son," and "The Good Samaritan," and the Virgin with the Holy Babe, were presented, being preceded by the reading of the passages from the Bible.

The fine singing of the mixed choir must be mentioned, as it contributed much towards the success. The choir was directed by Mrs. W. H.

The L.C.C. General Purposes Subcommittee recommend that Mrs. Marjorie Quennell, famous authority on "Everyday Things in History," who reorganised the old Geffrye Museum, Shoreditch, and is now its curator, should organise museum activities in the north of London.

"The old method of teaching history," Mrs. Quennell said recently "was no better than mental gymnastics."

"Children learn better from seeing and handling actual objects of the time. The vital part of history is not politics, but how people lived, worked and developed."

The new plan is to make it a regular part of class work for children to visit museums. At the Geffrye Mrs. Quennell has recreated eight rooms, from 1400 to 1800, with panelling, wall paper, furniture and painted life-size figures of each period.

Here, during the past few months, an average of four or five classes a week have had visual lessons in history.

EXTENSION PLANNED

Mrs. Quennell shows children a rare seventeenth-century barometer of Torricelli's, telling them it marked a new epoch—the beginning of science. Or she sets a group to drawing chair backs in different rooms and putting the dates on each.

She is looking for all kinds of furnishings to bring her "living history" up to 1937. She plans also to throw out an extension in which a series of shops and workrooms will show how men made the things of each period.

Wood, Miss Carol Brewer accompanied on the piano throughout.

Those who formed the choir were Alice Anderson, Carol Campbell, Lois Wilcox, Dorothy Nelson, Violet Davis, Irene James, Betsy Maloney, Ruth Buzzell, Halcyon McEachern, Fred Larsen, Donald Butka, Milton Bates, Warren Hillard, Galen Coffin, Willard Clark, and William Scharffenberg.

The tableaux representations were given by Rosella Wiedemann, Ruth Morris, Dorothea Harria, Harry Moon, Winston Clark and Milton James.

RADIO BROADCAST

Brahms Concerto in B Flat
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HOTEL ORCHESTRA

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (9.52 m.c.s.) H.K.T.

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

The Builder (Foley-Cadman); Fret-Foot (Burran-McCall); The Sea Call (Hamon).

12.40 Hawaiian Music. A cokol (Lizzie Alekika)....Noi Lane's Hawaiian Orchestra. Vocal refrain by Lopez and trio, Aloha Beloved (Howard-Long-Canfield); Mauna Loa (Dale)....Kamat and Lulu; Hilo Hanakahi (Halekalea)....Waikehi Stone-Wall Boys; Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl—Waltz (Green and Williams); Underneath The Blue Hawaiian Skies (Wasserman)....The Hawaiian Marimba Players.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 Barnabas von Geeszy & His Orchestra and Ritty Masters (Vocal).

Value Triste (Sibelius); Hindu Song (Sadko—Rimsky-Korsakov); Gipsy Wine (Ritter); Free And Easy (Porschmann)....Orchestra; When The Swallows Nest Again (Steven and Edmund); Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton and Edwards)....Kitty Masters; Cara Mari—Tango (Zaiden); Monika—Tango (Kotscher); Serenade (Drigo)....Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.10 Variety.

Orchestra—Wiener Burger—Waltz (Ziehrer)....Orchestra; Musette, Dance Orchestra—Fortuna—Tango; Fireflowers—Tango....Robert Renard Dance Orchestra. Piano—A Message From The Man In The Moon (Him 'A Day at the Races'); No More You (Towers-Grundland)....Gerry Moore; Piano and Vocal—Paris Is Not The Same (Marvell-Strachey); Singing For You (Hackett)....Leslie Hutchinson. Orchestra—Sunshine In Spring—Waltz (De Curtis-Baumann); Land Of Love—Fox-Trot (Melchior-Heyne)....Eugen Wolff and His Orchestra. Dance Orchestra—Merry-Go-Round—Fox-Trot; Saxophone Fireworks—Fox-Trot....Eric Harder Dance Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

8.05-11.00. Chinese Programme.

5.00. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

1. Do I Love You? 2. Smoke Dreams; 3. My little Grass Shack; 4. South American Joe.

5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

5.20 5. Another perfect night is ending; 6. Don't the Suz-Q; 7. Lonesome Guitar; 8. On the Beach of Ball Ball.

5.35. Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

5.40 9. I was saying to the Moon; 10. Malhindi Mele; 11. It Don't Mean a thing 12. Easy on the Eyes.

6.00 13. A Song in your Heart; 14. Sweetheart Medley; 15. Strauss Waltz.

6.15 Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.

6.20 16. They Can't take that away from me; 17. They all Laugh; 18. Let's Call the Whole Thing off; 19. I'm Getting Sentimental over you.

6.30 Children's Records.

Happiness; Mission; In the fashion; Halfway Down; Hopplity; Growing Up (When We Were Very Young—A. A. Milne, Fraser-Simson); "More Very Young" Songs (A. A. Milne, Fraser-Simson); Binkie; The Hums Of Posh (A. A. Milne, Fraser-Simson)....George Baker (Baritone).

6.45 D'and—Suite For Flute, Violin, Viola, Violoncello And Harp, Op. 91.

Played by Quintette Instrumental De Paris.

7.02 A short concert by Derek Oldham (Tenor) & Essie Ackland (Contralto).

Regimental Song (The White Eagle—Erin); One Day (Hans May)....Derek Oldham; The Fairy Tales of Ireland (Eric Coates); Gentle Zephyrs (Jensen)....Essie Ackland; Love, I Give You My All (Lunna—Besly); Waltz Song (A Waltz Dream—Herbert—O. Strauss)....Derek Oldham.

7.20 Stock Quotations and Hong-kong Exchange Market Report.

7.25 Variety.

Orchestra—"Going Greek" Selection....New Mayfair Orchestra; Vocal—A Fine Romance; Bojangles Of Harlem (film "Swing Time")....Fred Astaire. Dance Orchestra—Foolin' Myself—Fox-Trot....Harry Roy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Goodnight To You All (Donby-Watson); You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret (O'Connor-Silver-de Murcia)....Morton Downey. Cinema Organ—Famous Marches Medley....Harold Ramsay; Dance Orchestra—She's My Lovely—Fox-Trot; I'm Happy When You're Happy—Fox-Trot (When 'Hide and Seek')....Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

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MILLIONAIRE FAMILY'S LIFE AND LOVE

Playboy Marries Against Father's Will

In New York finis has been written to one more chapter in the troubled history in one of America's most spectacular millionaire families.

The story of that family began in 1903, when a thin undersized country boy left the little town of West Acton, in Massachusetts, to make his fortune in the Big City, says the *Daily Express*.

The boy was Jesse Livermore. New York gave him a meagre living as an office boy. Soon it was to know him, with awe as the Boy Plunger of Wall Street.

The great San Francisco earthquake of 1905 and a panic in copper combined to make him his first million dollars.

In 1913 he went bankrupt.

Within a year he was a millionaire again. Now they called him the Wizard of Wall Street. He has made, lost and made, fortune after fortune since then.

He is a millionaire again to-day.

In 1935 the name Livermore made the front pages of all the newspapers in the world once more.

This time it was not finance.

Fifteen-year-old Jesse Livermore jun., the wizard's eldest son, was shot in a flat at Santa Barbara, California.

The boy's mother, Jesse Livermore's former wife, once a beauty specialist, was arrested and accused of shooting her boy with intent to murder.

SENSATIONAL PARTY

A sensational story was told of an all-night party.

For a time the boy's life was despaired of. He was kept in a queer

contraption then hardly heard of, now known to the world as the iron lung.

His father knelt by his side and whispered, "Fight, son, I'm standing by you."

He lived—and was able to go into the witness-box, vindicate his mother and win her acquittal.

For a time the world forgot the Livermores.

To-day that boy is eighteen; they call him Broadway's Youngest Play-boy.

A few days ago Jesse Livermore jun. and Jesse Livermore sen. faced each other for a father-and-son talk.

Young Jesse told his father he wished to marry.

The girl he said, was Evelyn Sullivan, two years older than himself, and a divorcee, daughter of a fight promoter and night club owner, now dead.

Jesse sen. pleaded with his son not to do it. His son was adamant.

Finally the boy was told: "If you do this thing, then financially you must do it alone."

The other day Jesse Livermore, jun., and Evelyn Sullivan were married.

And Jesse Livermore jun.'s mother, now Mrs. Longcope, was there to give her son her blessing.

POLICE HOLD SOUTH CHINA "A" FOR 50 MINUTES

SAINTS' FORWARDS DISAPPOINTING

Game With Kowloon Saved Two Minutes From End

(By "Abe")

The much-touted St. Joseph's team proved a disappointment on Saturday against Kowloon in the first round of the Senior Football Shield and were extremely lucky to live to play another day. Two minutes before the final whistle, Kowloon led by a goal and just when they appeared to be safe, the Saints got away on the left wing, the movement culminating in Gomes scoring from point-blank range to equalise.

Extra time was played, but neither side succeeded in scoring. On the day's play, the Saints were slightly the better team; but the inability of the forwards to shoot prevented the side from registering as many goals as they should have done. The inclusion of Connor, Pickering, Beltrao and C. F. Remedios strengthened the defence considerably. Pickering and Beltrao especially proved of inestimable value to the side with their first-time tackling and kicking. The former was rather hard on Knox, the Kowloon centre-forward, but it is only fair to say that his shoulder charges were invariably fair.

Whatever a defence is expected to do, the Saints' defenders did. No better display could have been given by Pickering, Costa and Beltrao; yet their side was within an ace of being eliminated from the competition. The reason for this is not far to seek. The Saints' forwards one and all made the great blunder of concentrating on David Leonard in spite of the fact that he could not make headway against the door Kowloon defence. Whenever they had the ball near goal, they would send it through to him instead of trying to make a run on their own.

MANY CHANCES WASTED

One should have thought that when these tactics failed, the Saints' forwards would have tried others. No, they persisted in these methods and the result was that they missed innumerable opportunities in the first half. Personally I calculate that had the forwards made the most of their chances in this period, the Saints would have been at least six goals up at the time of the intermediate whistle.

Though they were up against a sound defence, the Kowloon forwards impressed not only by their skill in approach but also by their dash they showed in front of goal. Knox, especially, was a menace whenever he had the ball because of

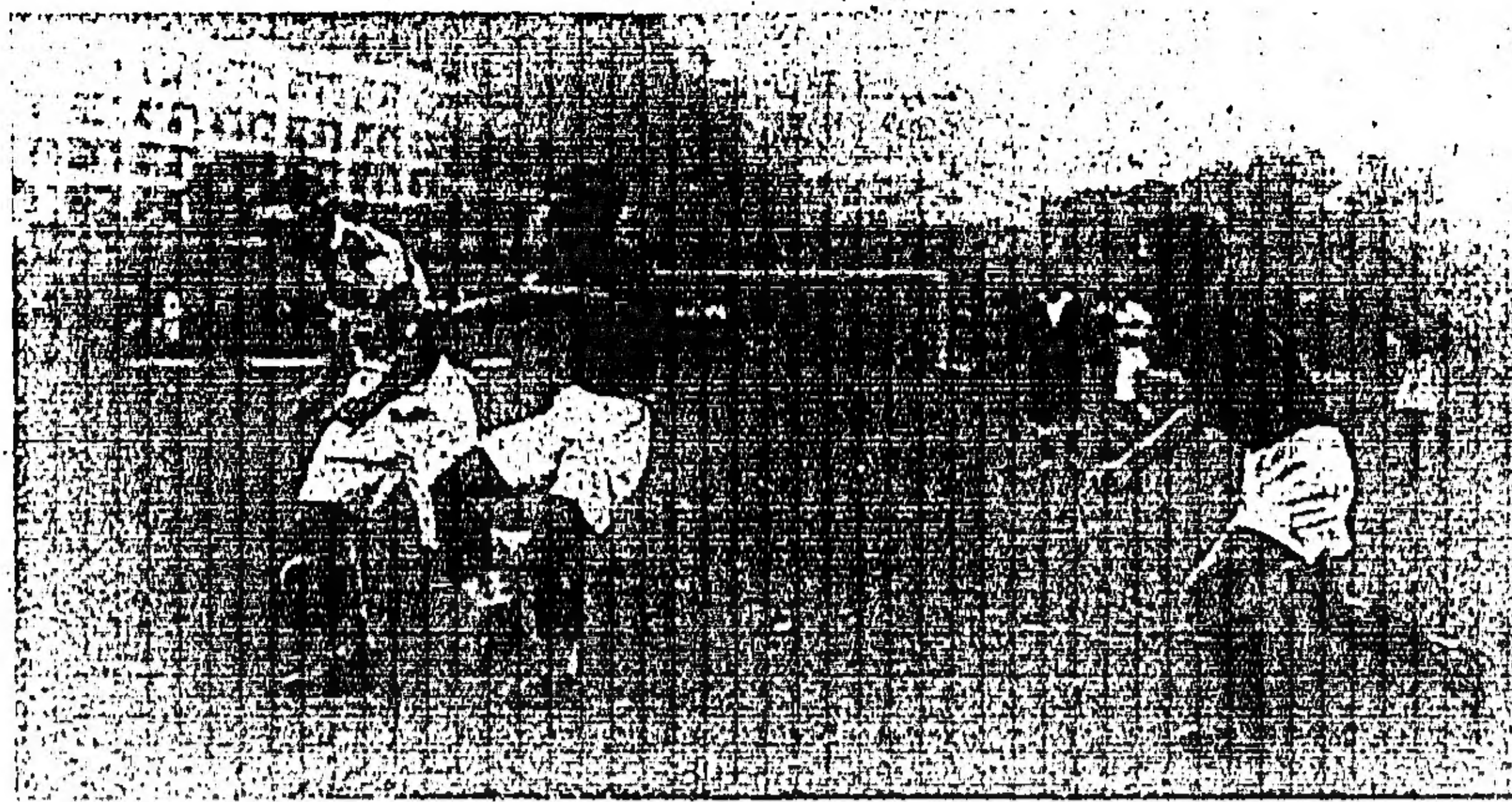
the terrific shot which he pucks in his feet. He made one electrifying run in the opening period and completed the effort with a drive which would probably have made a hole in the net had it been better directed. Jorge and V. White gave their leader splendid support, but it cannot be said that Kowloon was a success on the left wing.

Typical cup-tie football was served up. In a match played at such a tension, naturally science has to take a back seat; but it can be said that the game was always interesting. It was featured by the keen duel between the Saints' defence and the swift thrusts of the Kowloon forwards.

This Saints definitely had the better of the exchanges in the middle where their intermediate line, A. J. Hussain, N. Beltrao and C. F. Remedios dominated play. Pickering, at right back, was head and shoulders above every other back on the field. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that St. Joseph's would have lost without his help.

Had David Leonard and Co. been more resourceful, Evans, Bliss and O'Connor would have been hard put to it to stem the tide; as it was, the Kowloon halves found themselves quite comfortably off because even when they were beaten they could always rely on the Saints' forwards to beat themselves. Furthermore, Souza and Ulrich, at backs, were dependable and Rowlands, in goal, was as safe as the Bank of England.

Half time arrived with the score-sheet still blank, and ten minutes after the resumption a fine Kowloon movement ended with White crashing the ball into the net. Ward should have equalised, but shot at Rowlands when he had the goal at his mercy. The indomitable courage of the Kowloon defence kept out all the efforts of their opponents and it was not until two minutes before the final whistle that Alves sent in a centre which Rowlands intercepted. (Continued on Page 9.)



Play in progress in the Senior Football Shield match between the Club and Eastern at Happy Valley on Saturday. The Chinese won by two goals to one. —Photo, by Mee Cheung.

WEEK-END CRICKET FEATS

Some Notable Performances

The following were the chief performances in local cricket over the week-end:

BATTING

T.A. Pearce (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	151*
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	103*
G.F. O'Brien (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	75*
W.L. Clark (Police) v. Navy	75
E.F. Fletcher (K.C.C.) v. C.C.C.	72*
F. Baker (C.S.C.C.) v. I.R.C.	61*
J.E. Richardson (C.S.C.C.) v. I.R.C.	60
F.K. Lee (C.C.C.) v. K.C.C.	56
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.) v. C.C.C.	55
R.T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.) 2nd XI v. C.C.C.	46
Pie. Chatton (Army "A") v. E. Zimmerman (C.C.C.)	46
E. Zimmerman (C.C.C.) v. K.C.C.	45
C.S.M. Northcott (Army "A") v. H.K.C.C.	41
H.J. Armstrong (H.K.C.C.) 2nd XI v. Army "A"	40
E.M.L. Soares (Recreio 2nd XI) v. University	39
L.D. Kilbee (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	37
A.R. Abbas (I.R.C.) v. C.S.C.C.	37
Capt. Whitmarsh (Navy) v. H.K.C.C.	36
A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	35
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	33
W. A. Reed (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	33
T. R. Hunter (Police) v. Navy	32
Sub. Lieut. Ogle (Navy) v. H.K.C.C.	32
J. W. Leonard (C.C.C. 2nd XI) v. K.C.C.	32
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	31*
H. F. Westlake (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI) v. Army "B"	30
S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.) v. C.S.C.C.	30
* Not Out. † Retired.	

BOWLING

K. L. Ng (University) v. Recreio 2nd XI	7 for 30
W. L. McKenzie (K.C.C.) 2nd XI v. C.C.C.	7 for 33
G. Winch (C.C.C. 2nd XI) v. K.C.C.	7 for 34
L. G. Gosano (Recreio 2nd XI) v. University	6 for 15
A. R. Ismail (C.C.C.) v. Recreio	6 for 35
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	5 for 31
A. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) v. C.S.C.C.	5 for 43
L. Gosano (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	4 for 19
Thompson (Army "B") v. C.S.C.C.	4 for 20
C. Pope (Police) v. Navy	4 for 26
R. G. Robertson (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI) v. Army "B"	4 for 33
N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.) v. C.C.C.	4 for 47
E. L. Gosano (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	3 for 9
F. Zimmerman (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	3 for 10
H. F. Westlake (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI) v. Army "B"	3 for 18

MALAYAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

OFFICIAL TITLES FOR THE FIRST TIME

Singapore, Dec. 7. The first Malayan championship badminton meeting was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday when the finals of the remaining three events were played off at the Happy World covered stadium.

Both the men's singles and doubles titles were won by the Selangor representatives, while the mixed-doubles championship was deservedly won by Miss Walleen Wong and Wong Peng-soon.

A feature of the day was the brilliant performance of A. S. Samuel, of Selangor, in both the men's events, and he was well supported by his new partner, Chan Kon-leong, in the doubles.

The mixed doubles final was rather a one-sided affair, but each of the other two finals proved to be a close and thrilling struggle up to the last point and they were certainly a fitting finish to a very interesting tournament.

In the singles match between A. S. Samuel and Seah Eng-hee, the former simply smashed his way to victory in the first set which he won easily, as the score of 15-1 would indicate.

Eng-hee, however, was not to be beaten easily after this and in spite of being behind 1-7 in the second set he fought back gallantly to score steadily, ultimately winning the set by 5-0 after deuce was called at 13-11.

FIRST OFFICIAL CHAMPION

There were thrills galore in the deciding set and the atmosphere was electric when Samuel, slowly caught up to level the score at 13—all after Eng-hee has led 13-10. It was anybody's game at this stage but overcautiousness on the part of Eng-hee led to his downfall.

Instead of playing his usual confident game and smashing whenever the opportunity offered, he attempted to draw his opponent to the net with drop shots which, however, failed to pass the net. Samuel, although tired at this stage, was coolness personified and made good use of his drop shots whenever he found his smashes to be ineffective. After leading 4-0 Samuel conceded a point, and then a smash along the side line brought him the winning point to become the first official Malayan singles champion.

MEN'S DOUBLES

The men's doubles final also went to three sets. The Selangor pair led 20-17 in the first set which, however, was won by the local pair after a hectic struggle.

Fortunes fluctuated rapidly in the second set, and each in turn took the lead until 18-11 was reached.

The local players at this stage were a little too excited and this cost them dearly as they lost this, and the deciding set, to a much steeper

V. Lingam (University) v. Recreio 2nd XI	3 for 22
A. E. Carey (Police) v. Navy	3 for 31
Pie. Hatfield (Army "A") v. H.K.C.C.	3 for 31
Coombes (Army "B") v. C.S.C.C.	3 for 39
Jeffery (Navy) v. Police	3 for 41
D. McLellan (C.S.C.C.) v. I.R.C.	3 for 71

FALTER AFTER CONCEDING FIRST GOAL

EXCITING ENCOUNTER IN SENIOR SOCCER SHIELD

(By "Abe")

For fifty minutes, the Police held South China "A" at bay and frustrated every attempt of the Chinese to score yesterday on the Club ground when the teams met in the first round of the Senior Shield. However, when Lai Shiu-wing had got past Manning with a ground shot 15 minutes after the interval, the defence cracked up and the Chinese scored three more to win finally by four goals to nil.

The first 50 minutes of the game was tense, exciting, if unscientific football. Play was too keen to allow of the players to settle down to think of their moves. It was kick and run most of the time, with speed at a premium.

Considering that they were without the services of Gough and Johnston, the Police did very well to hold the Chinese for three-quarters of the game. Britain, the "old war horse", turned out as usual while Morrison went to right half, Willerton to centre-forward and T. Pile to right wing. When the teams lined up at the start, I thought the Chinese would have a runaway victory; but I was pleasantly surprised to see the great resistance put up by the keepers of the law.

South China "A" also did not field its full side. An important link, Lau Hing-choi, centre half, was missing, fortunately Leung Wing-chiu was an able substitute and played himself literally to a standstill in checking the progress of Howlett, Moss and Willerton. It was his ascendancy in the centre of the field, made more pronounced by the splendid support given him by Lee Kwok-wai and Lau Tin-sang, which finally wore down the Police resistance.

The Chinese definitely had more scoring opportunities than their opponents. However, the forwards in tight wing, Willerton was completely out of his mind in the first half, and also lacked ball control. His weight nullified their own efforts. Lai Shiu-wing, although he scored twice in the second half, was not his usual self, and Fung King-cheung was not given many chances to take deliberate shots at goal.

POLICE DEFENCE SHINES

Again the Police defenders distinguished themselves. Manning was definitely the better side after the start in the first 15 minutes, and could hardly be blamed for letting in four second period. Less than five minutes goals in the concluding stages of the later. Pile handled the ball in the encounter. Bone and Pile were penalty area and Fung put the Chin-steady, the former especially so. One case two up from the spot pick. The mistake, which led to the third Chinese goal, was scored by Lai again when he ran round Pile and coolly planted instead of clearing the ball, he left it to Manning's reach. The block Lai Shiu-wing. The Chinese Shok-kam, Lewis "made" by Tang inside ran round him, however, and Kwong-sum and Lai. Teams: Police.—Manning; Bone, Pile; Morrison, Britain, North; T. Pile, Green, South China "A"—Choo Siew-hing, Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Tin-sang, Fung King-cheung, Cheuk sum quiet on the Chinese right wing. Shok-kam and Cheung Moon-wing.



Leung Wing-chiu

he played himself to a standstill. Morrison did not seem to be quite at home in the intermediate line.

Of the forwards, Howlett was the trickiest, but T. Pile surprised by giving a creditable display on the points. However, the forwards in tight wing, Willerton was completely out of his mind in the first half, and also lacked ball control. His weight nullified their own efforts. Lai Shiu-wing, although he scored twice in the second half, was not his usual self, and Fung King-cheung was not given many chances to take deliberate shots at goal.

CHINESE IMPROVE

After the splendid fight they put up in the first 50 minutes, the Police certainly did not deserve to lose by such a margin. However, there is no gainsaying the fact that the Chinese improved themselves. Manning was definitely the better side after the start in the first 15 minutes, and could hardly be blamed for letting in four second period. Less than five minutes goals in the concluding stages of the later. Pile handled the ball in the encounter. Bone and Pile were penalty area and Fung put the Chin-steady, the former especially so. One case two up from the spot pick. The mistake, which led to the third Chinese goal, was scored by Lai again when he ran round Pile and coolly planted instead of clearing the ball, he left it to Manning's reach. The block Lai Shiu-wing. The Chinese Shok-kam, Lewis "made" by Tang inside ran round him, however, and Kwong-sum and Lai. Teams: Police.—Manning; Bone, Pile; Morrison, Britain, North; T. Pile, Green, South China "A"—Choo Siew-hing, Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Tin-sang, Fung King-cheung, Cheuk sum quiet on the Chinese right wing. Shok-kam and Cheung Moon-wing.

Though not as polished as Gough, Britain was a tower of strength and only in the last 20 minutes or so that he faltered. Leung Wing-chiu, Lee did he falter. North, however, was the best Police half-back; he was Kwok-wai, Tang Kwong-sum, Lai responsible for keeping Tang Kwong-shu-wing, Fung King-cheung, Cheuk sum quiet on the Chinese right wing. Shok-kam and Cheung Moon-wing.

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Of Royal Hongkong Golf Club

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Of Teams

Division I	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesex	11	7	2	2	26	18	10
S. China "B"	8	7	1	0	22	7	15
Seaford	10	7	0	3	24	17	14
S. China "A"	10	6	1	3	33	13	13
Kowloon	9	5	1	3	16	11	11
Eastern	9	4	1	4	23	18	9
Police	9	2	3	4	20	19	7
St. Joseph's	8	2	1	5	26	21	5
Club	7	1	0	6	22	36	2
K. Chinese	11	0	0	11	10	62	0

Division II	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesex	8	7	1	0	30	7	15
5th Bde. R.A.	7	7	0	0	29	11	14
Kwong Wah	9	5	3	1	30	11	13
R.E. European	10	5	2	3	33	18	12
South China	10	6	0	4	27	15	12
Seaford	9	4	3	2	18	16	11
Kowloon	9	3	2	5	15	19	7
S. Police	10	3	0	7	17	40	6
Club	9	2	2	7	14	33	4
R.E. Chinese	7	1	0	6	8	37	2
Eastern	7	0	0	7	5	26	0

Division III—Hongkong	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Medicinal	11	8	1	2	38	11	17
R.A.O.C.	10	5	2	3	25	22	12
Stanley	11	4	3	4	28	26	11
5th Bde. R.A.	8	4	2	2	22	9	10
Police	9	5	0	4	26	23	10
Engineers	7	4	1	2	27	12	9
R.A.S.C.	8	2	1	5	14	19	6
Powhatan	11	0	2	9	9	60	2

Division III—Kowloon	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Portuguese	10	9	1	0	48	12	19
Seaford	11	6	1	4	29	14	13
24th Bty. R.A.	11	6	1	4	20	20	13
R.A.F.	10	4	3	3	18	26	11
Kumaons	11	4	1	6	25	28	9
Signals	10	2	3	5	18	26	7
20th Bty. R.A.	10	2	3	5	13	24	7
University	10	1	1	8	16	31	3

CARNERA IN HOSPITAL

X-Ray Reveals Kidneys
As Source Of Trouble

Budapest, Dec. 18.
Primo Carnera is still ill and is
confined to hospital here. Following
an X-ray examination, it was stated
that the kidneys were the principal
source of the illness and trouble, as
diagnosed by the doctor. The phy-
sician has given instructions that
Carnera be kept absolutely still.—
Reuter Bulletin.

FARR LEAVES ENGLAND

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Machine Gunners Defeat
English Forum

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when they beat the English Forum
six to five. In their second match,
however, they were heavily defeated
by the Vets 16 to four.
The Filipino Club defeated Cen-
tral British Association 15 to eight.
The Vets tallied their second win
of the day by beating Canadian
Chinese six to two.

SAINTS'
FORWARDS
DISAPPOINT

(Continued from Page 8.)

A melee in front of goal ensued and
Gomes was seen to kick the ball into
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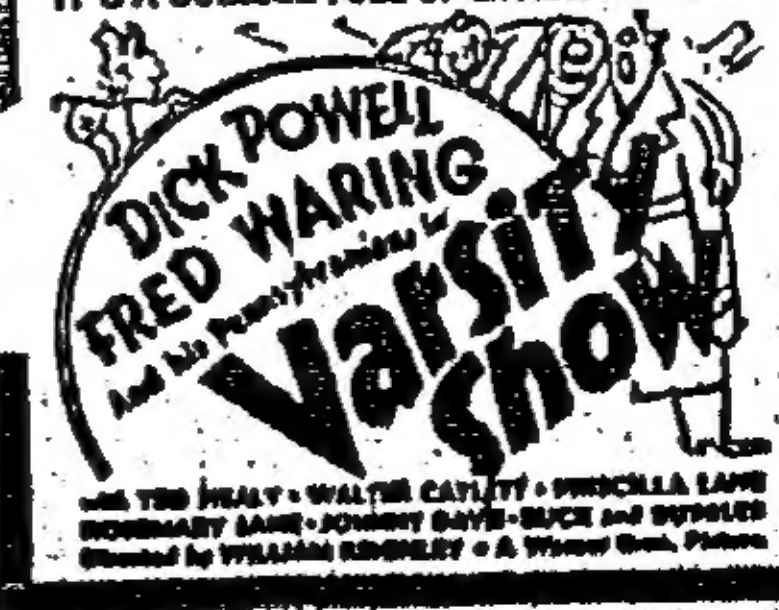
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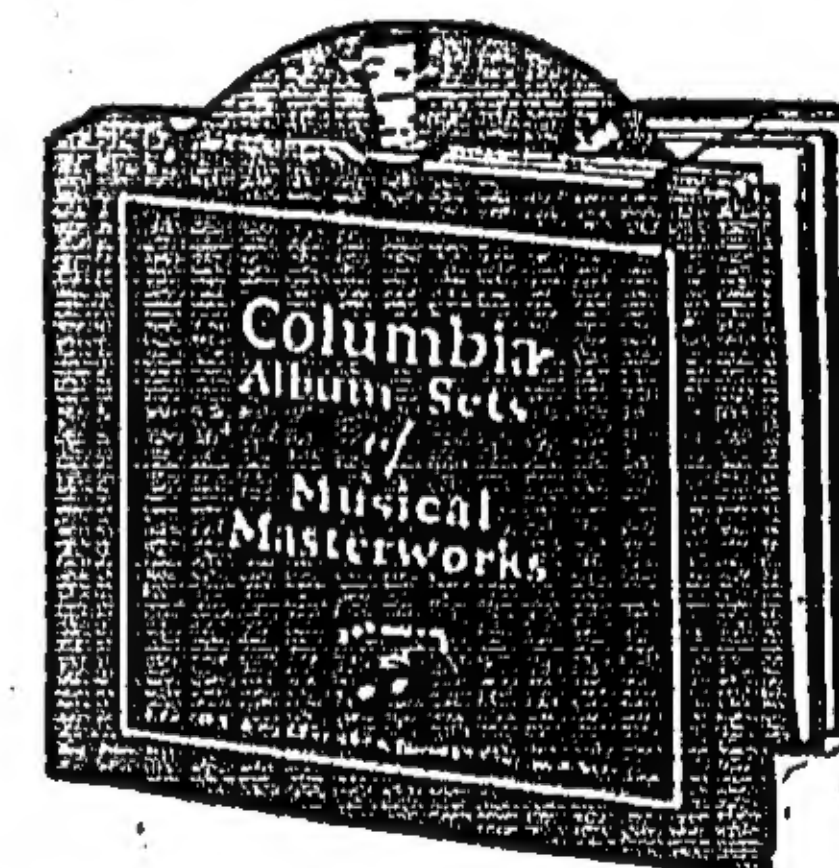
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THE BOMBING OF LERIDA

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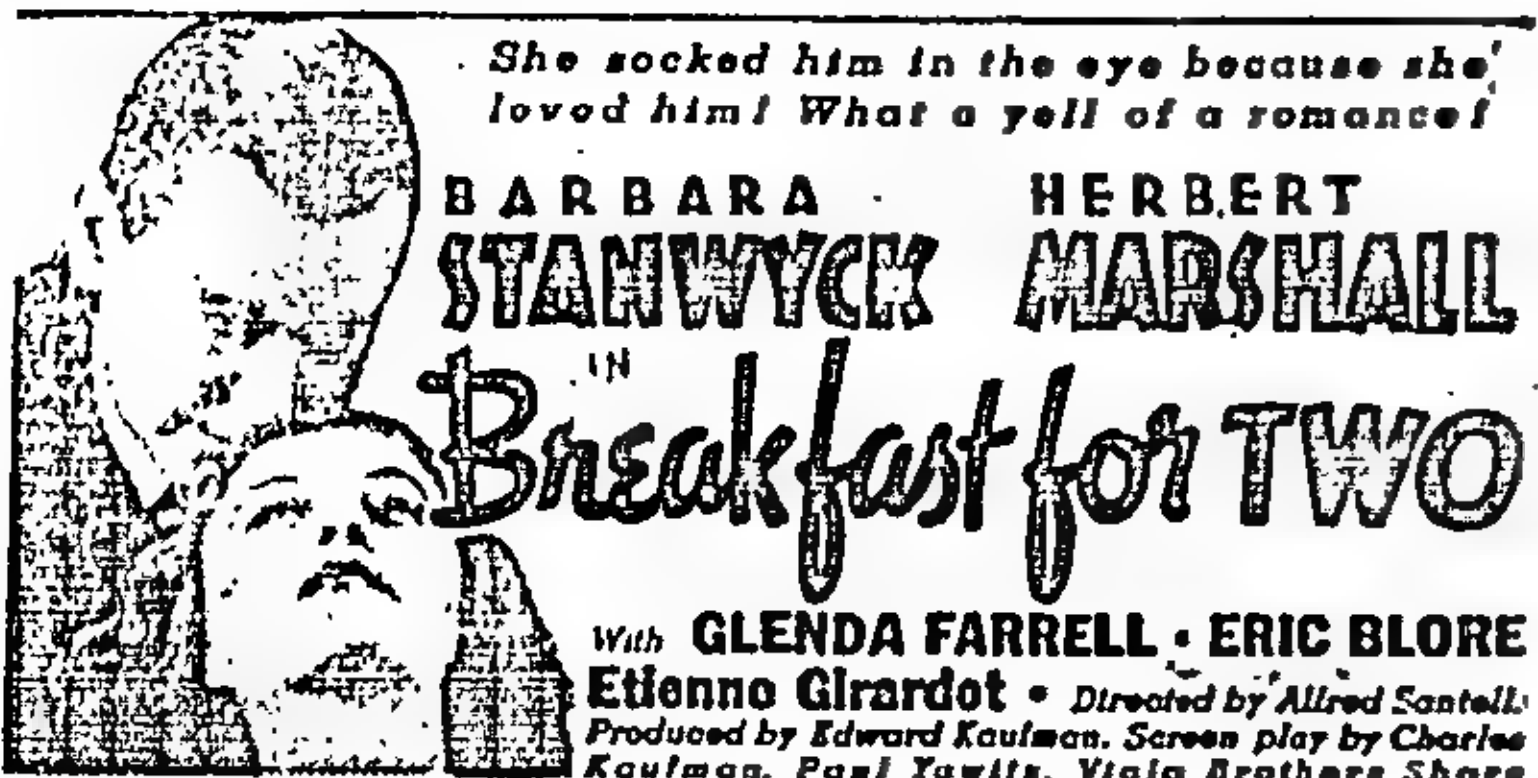
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RUSSIAN AIRMEN AID IN DEFENCE SCHEME

Hankow, Dec. 20.

A new Chinese boom across the Yangtse River at Kiukiang, halfway between Wuhu and Hankow is now in position, closing the river to navigation above this point.

A number of British and American gunboats and merchant ships which, for various reasons, did not follow the warships Capetown, Oahu and Ladybird, down river, are therefore bottled up in the reaches of the Yangtse above the boom.

It is hoped that the boom will prevent Japanese warships from steaming up the Yangtse and bombarding Hankow in the attack the Japanese are now expected to make on the city.

Hankow is now well protected against air raids, Chinese airmen having been given assistance in the patrol work of some 30 Soviet pilots who are using Soviet-made machines. The Russian pilots, with their small bearing, friendly attitude and polished manners, have become exceedingly popular.

The Chinese authorities have officially announced that the Yangtse is closed to navigation below Kiukiang. The Hankow garrison headquarters has announced that beginning tomorrow, the use of telephones in the Wuhu area will be stopped during air raids in order to facilitate efficient defence operation. The only exceptions will be the military, fire brigade and hospital telephone lines.

Chinese WITHDRAW
Hanchow, Dec. 20.
Chinese forces withdrew from Chinghsan-shih north of Hanchow on the Nanking-Hanchow highway yesterday after their defence works had been demolished by a Japanese bombardment during repeated on-slugs.

Protected by a heavy barrage and preceded by a number of tanks, 800 Japanese infantrymen launched an attack on the Chinese positions at 1 a.m. After a four-hour engagement, the Chinese forces were forced to withdraw for two kilometres. At 5 a.m. the Japanese launched a second offensive. Undaunted the Chinese forces put up a stubborn resistance, slaughtering over 200 Japanese.

Later, nine Japanese heavy bombing planes flew over the Chinese positions and unloaded tons of high explosives. With their defence works completely destroyed the Chinese forces finally abandoned Chinghsan-shih and withdrew to new positions further south.

The highway south of Chinghsan-shih has been damaged by the Chinese forces to check the advance of the Japanese whilst Chinese mobile units are still occupying the hills around Chinghsan-shih to harass the Japanese.

FUNDS FOR NANKING REFUGEE ZONE
Hankow, Dec. 20.
The International Committee of the Shanghai Red Cross Society has

The Society has received \$50,000 contributions from overseas Chinese remitted by Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to America.—Central News.

CONFUSION REIGNS AT TSINGPU

Hankow, Dec. 20.
Confusion again reigns in Tsingpu north-west of Sungkiang as Japanese troops and Chinese guerrilla units are holding out against each other across a creek.

The inhabitants are fleeing in all directions.—Central News.

10,000 JAPANESE CROSS YANGTZE RIVER

Hanchow, Dec. 20.
An intelligence report received here states that about 10,000 Japanese troops have crossed the Yangtze River at Chinking to the north bank.

Chinese troops on the north bank have been instructed by the Chinese military command to take the strictest precaution against these Japanese troops.—Central News.

Russian Offer Of Aid Denied

Hankow, Dec. 20.

The report that the Soviet Ambassador had arrived and conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to whom he is said to have submitted certain proposals, such as the organization of a Popular Front Government, the employment of Soviet army-officers and the despatch to China of Soviet planes and aviators, is flatly denied at the Chinese and Russian headquarters here.

M. Ivan Luganeto, the Ambassador, is reported to be on his way to Urumchi from Moscow.—Reuter.



Mr. Frank Billings Kellogg, former American Ambassador, and author of the famous Kellogg Peace Pact of 1928, who is reported to be dying following a stroke and an operation.

STOP PRESS

JAPAN ARMY QUICKENS WAR'S PACE

Shanghai, Dec. 20.
Japanese forces quickened the pace of military preparations in Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhwei as they engaged the Chinese forces in brief position-testing engagements at half a dozen points where large-scale drives are likely to break out as soon as the groundwork for the campaign is completed.

According to Chinese reports, Japanese troops which crossed the Yangtse at Chinking and captured Yangchow, launched an attack against the Chinese forces north of Yangchow. The objective of the Japanese troops is said to be Kaoyu, 45 miles to the north of Yangchow.

Meanwhile, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front the Japanese forces are stated to have staged several raids on the Chinese lines near Wuyi with the intention of testing the strength of the Chinese forces in that sector. Another Japanese unit is operating north of the Yangtse according to other Chinese reports, preparing for a drive along the Hweinan railway.

This force, which crossed the Yangtse at Wuhu, is said to have gained a foothold near Yuchikow, Hanshan and Holsien on the river bank. The main objective of this army is the strategic city of Hefei, located some 90 kilometres inland.

Japanese troops are at present consolidating their positions at the southern terminus of the railway before launching a drive towards Hefei. Chinese troops are reported to have blown up all bridges along the railway.

Constituting a separate field, the Japanese military operations in the Chekiang and Anhwei areas are believed likely to be the scene of a bitter struggle between the Chinese and Japanese forces when the Japanese drive gets under way.—Reuter.

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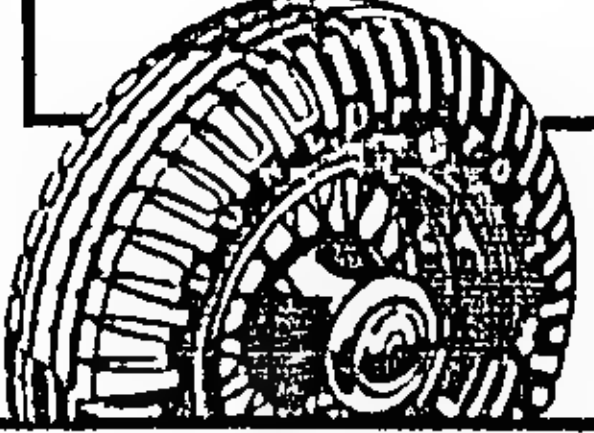
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GAS MASKS NOW ON SALE IN HONGKONG

EFFICIENCY UNDERGOING HARD TESTS

GOVERNMENT CAUTIOUS AND WITHHOLDS ITS FULL APPROVAL

Locally manufactured gas-masks, suitable for protection against all but the virulent forms of mustard gas, have made their appearance in city shops.

These masks are manufactured by the Fung Keong Rubber Manufactory Ltd., of Shauiwan, largest rubber goods factory in the Colony.

The company will produce up to half a million gas masks as soon as Government certification that the masks provide adequate protection is forthcoming. Government, so far, has withheld its approval, as it is not considered that the filters comply with anti-gas regulations. Preliminary manufacture of gas masks was undertaken for experimental purposes by the Fung Keong Rubber Company at the request of the Hongkong Government. Although experiments are still being carried out in order to find a suitable filter, the Company has already placed its masks on sale to the general public, and they can be obtained from any of the company's depots at prices ranging from \$7.90 to \$13.

It is understood that practically the entire plant of the company, which formerly manufactured tennis shoes, hot water bottles and other rubber requisites, will eventually be given over to the manufacture of gas masks. It was originally intended to manufacture only the rubber portion of the masks in Hongkong, importing the filters from England. But owing to the overwhelming demand in England for filters for local use, English manufacturers cannot at present fill overseas orders.

Further Experiments

An official of the local Air Raids Precautions Committee told the Telegraph this morning:

"Government approval of the locally manufactured gas masks will be given as soon as certain difficulties connected with the filters are overcome. The Fung Keong Company is conducting further experiments with this object in view."

"Unless private firms are able to import gas masks from Europe, it is highly improbable that the general public will be able to obtain other than locally manufactured masks which, subject to overcoming certain filter defects, should provide adequate protection against all but the most virulent blaster gases."

"Government is importing gas masks, but these will be distributed to personnel—Civilian and otherwise—likely to be employed by the War Department in the event of any emergency in this colony."

"Members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps and civilians will—(Continued on Page 4.)"

Two Chinese Generals Executed

Other Officials Dismissed

Shanghai, Dec. 20. The Chinese press announces that the Central Political Council has been abolished in a drastic Government shake-up, automatically stripping Wang Ching-wei, Chiang Chun, Ho Ying-ching, Hsueh Shih-sul, Chen King-po and Kwang Shao-hsin of their posts.

General Tsai Chin-chung, ex-Commissioner of Public Safety in Shanghai has been executed with General Yang Hu, on charges of failing properly to defend Nantao, having

JAPANESE FLAGSHIP NOT SUNK

Mutsu Confused With Nagato

Tokyo, Dec. 20. Admiral Osami Bagano, Commander of the Japanese combined fleet, who was recently reported abroad as drowned "when the flagship Nagato sank in the Yangtze," to-day received Japanese and American newspapermen and said that it was not the Nagato, but the Mutsu which was sunk. Neither his flagship nor himself had been in China waters, but with the fleet either in home waters or in Japanese ports.

He deeply regretted the Panny affair and said he was certain all Japanese naval men would join in that expression of regret. He added that the Japanese investigation into the incident would be prompt and thorough, and he hoped that the relations between the United States and Japanese navies would be even stronger, because they hoped that their American friends would understand the depth and genuineness of Japanese sympathy.

The Admiral stated that he had not heard of a report of Japanese surface craft bombing and boarding the Panny.—United Press.

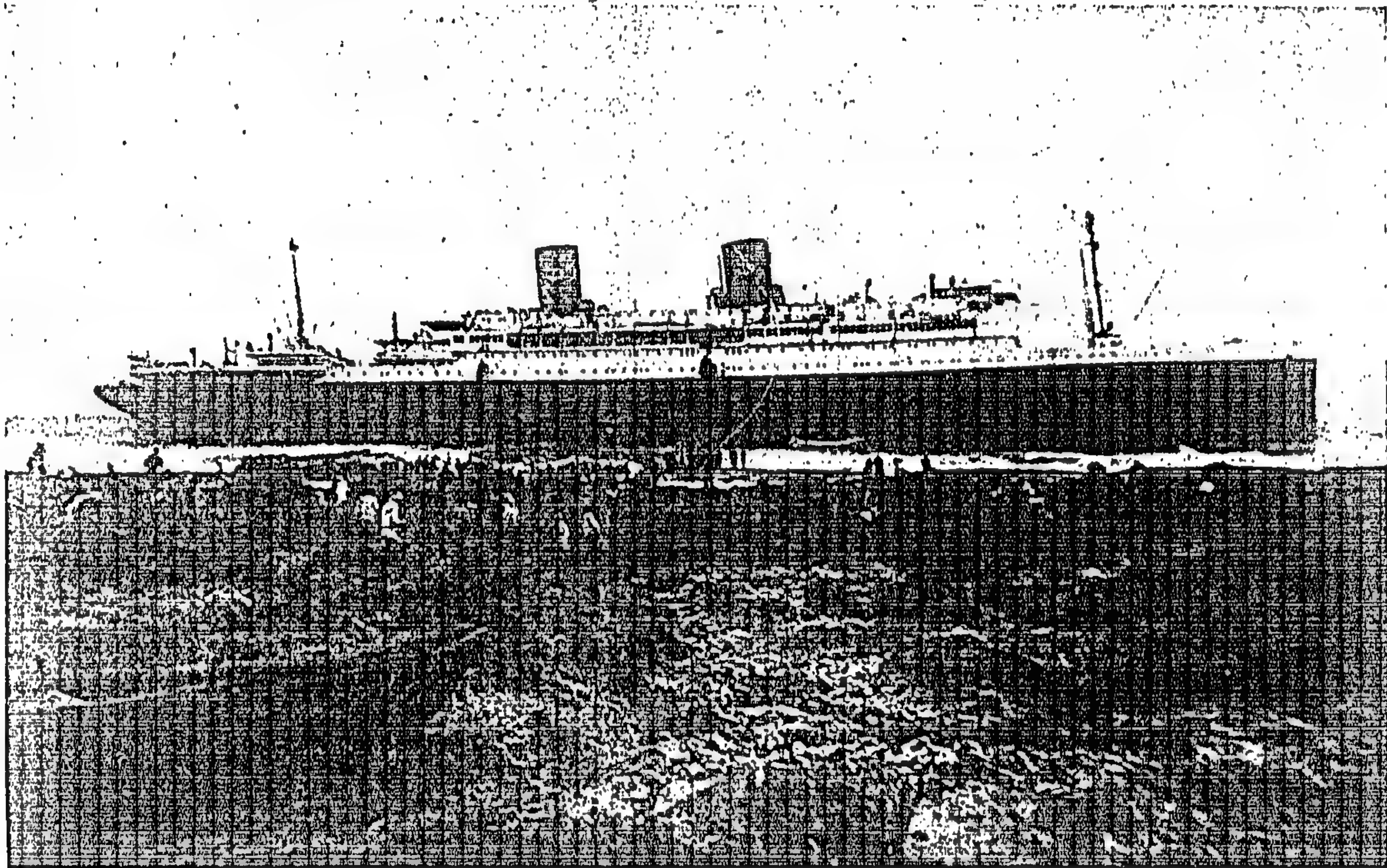
France Keeps Firm Friends

Paris, Dec. 19. M. Yvon Delbos, French Foreign Minister, expressed himself very satisfied with his tour of Central Europe when he arrived in Paris this morning from Prague. He was enthusiastically received by large crowds at the railway station. The general opinion is that the tour showed that France's alliances and friendships were as strong and as valuable as ever, and that M. Delbos had enhanced France's prestige.—Reuter.

failed to maintain troop discipline and failing to preserve huge quantities of arms and ammunition which fell into the hands of the Japanese.—United Press.

U. S. Maintains Determined Attitude

PRESIDENT HOOVER IS BREAKING UP!



The giant luxury liner, President Hoover, is reported to be breaking up. She piled up on a reef on December 11 and her passengers were landed on Japanese soil, Hoishoto Island, just beyond the reef. Two American destroyers, the Empress of Asia, the President McKinley and other vessels raced to her aid. But they were not needed. The above photograph was taken shortly after the grounding from the shore where her passengers were camped.

SOLDIER SLAYS PASSENGER FOR LIGHTING MATCH

STRICT PRECAUTIONS ON CANTON-KOWLOON TRAINS

BY STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

One hundred and thirty-eight bombings of the Kowloon Canton Railway have taken place since the beginning of Japanese aerial hostilities against South China. But the Japanese have failed to achieve their major objective—destruction of the two main bridges spanning the Pearl River.

The permanent way is spitted and scarred from Shum Chun to Canton. Craters in rice-fields adjoining the line testify to the destructive power of Japanese bombs. But traffic still continues, and the total lost time in transit between Hongkong and Canton is not relatively large.

I was a passenger in an express train bombed during the week-end. There was no need to tell the 800 passengers aboard what to do when the train jolted to a sudden standstill and the lights went out. There was an immediate exodus to adjoining fields.

Most of the Chinese accepted the situation stoically, and few were inclined to panic. But they chattered in low undertones, as if their very voices would indicate their presence to the bombers above.

A third class passenger who thoughtlessly lit a cigarette was shot without compunction by a soldier. A woman with baby strapped to her back cried softly.

An octogenarian Chinese, who has probably seen many wars but was experiencing for the first time, this new and terrifying western method of wholesale destruction, sought protection by squatting beneath his umbrella!

HOOR TO WAIT

It was over an hour after the alarm before the dull roar of the approaching raiders brought realization of the proximity of death to those waiting below.

Deathly silence greeted the first faint roar of the approaching Japanese (Continued on Page 7.)

Profit Over \$951,000 For Past Year

China Light And Power To Pay Good Dividend

Declaration of a profit of some \$951,000 more than last year, and the approval of a dividend of fifty cents per share, were made at the nineteenth yearly meeting of shareholders of the China Light and Power Company, Ltd., which was held at the Company's head office, St. George's building yesterday.

Mr. A. H. Compton took the chair, and was supported by the following gentlemen: Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. J. P. Bragg, O.B.E., Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. D. W. Munton (Manager), (Continued on Page 7.)

No Japanese In Sight Of Tsingtao Yet

Shanghai, Dec. 20. The American Consulate in Shanghai has received a message from the Tsingtao Consulate, dated at 7 a.m. to-day, saying Tsingtao passed through a "quiet night."

No damage to American lives and property has occurred and all Americans are safe. No Japanese forces are in sight, the message added.—United Press.

ALLEGED POISONER ON TRIAL

Three People Died Of Arsenic Dose

Alleged to have put arsenic in a family rice bowl on October 5 as a result of which three persons died, Li Fok-yue, unemployed villager of Tolsan, was tried on the capital charge at Criminal Session this morning.

He pleaded not guilty to the murder of Tang Kam, alias Tang Yee-kam, married woman.

The case opened before Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, and the following jury: Messrs. R. Pestonji (Foreman), Chan Tak-chiu, S. M. Ali, G. A. Vas, Fung Sul-leung, Go Shing-kam, Lam Kwok-tsoi.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General appeared for the prosecution and was assisted by Mr. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, and Detective Inspector E. A. Carey. Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared for the accused and was instructed by Mr. H. N. Chau, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Macfar.

In his opening, Mr. Williams said the evidence, as was common in poisoning cases, was circumstantial. (Continued on Page 4.)

JAPANESE TO PRESS CAMPAIGN

Propose To "Punish" China Thoroughly

Tokyo, Dec. 20. In a dramatic two-hour nocturnal audience on Saturday night, Prince Konoye, Premier of Japan, reported to the Emperor the Government's determination to "punish thoroughly" the Chinese national administration.

The report embodies decisions reached at a meeting of the Cabinet held in the afternoon to formulate Japan's foreign policy towards China following the fall of Nanking.

The Asahi Shimbun states that the Government's policy provides for a "thorough chastisement" of the national administration through the adoption of an "attitude of endurance in the true sense of that word."

The Cabinet is reported to have decided that hostilities will continue "in view of the Chinese Government's failure to reconsider its attitude, and its intention to resist Japan at a moment when it is reduced to the status of a local military organization with four of China's largest cities—Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin and Peiping—out of its control."

The Asahi Shimbun believes that the Government will continue the "punishment" of China by military action until the National Government surrenders and shows its sincerity by reconsidering its attitude.

The newspaper adds that although determined to sever diplomatic relations with the Chinese Government, the Cabinet saw no need for a hasty announcement of that decision. "With a view to meeting the Chinese Government's threat of protracted resistance, the Cabinet is considering a general mobilization of the nation's resources, national finances and other matters," says the newspaper.—Reuter.

JAPAN ARMY QUICKENS WAR'S PACE

Shanghai, Dec. 20. Japanese forces quickened the pace of military preparations in Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhwei, as they engaged the Chinese forces in (Continued on Page 7.)

Roosevelt Commands Situation

Policy Leaves Nation Facing Japan Alone

Washington, Dec. 19. The State Department marked time over the weekend, pending the outcome of the United States naval inquiry into the Panny incident, and the Japanese reply to the American Note.

Whilst determined not to close the incident until Japan gives precise guarantees of full respect for American lives and interests in China in the future, the Department declines to involve itself in any speculation as to what may happen if Japan's reply is unsatisfactory.

One reason for this is that President Roosevelt is in command of the situation and nobody knows what is in the President's mind, except Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary for State.

President Roosevelt possesses the means and the ability to rally public opinion towards stronger action than the mere despatching of Notes if necessary, but the dilemma in which the Administration now finds itself vis-a-vis public opinion at home is well expressed in an article in the New York Times, which declares that the United States refusal to act jointly with other Powers in the Far East as long as her interests are not affected, now leaves her facing Japan alone, with a major incident to settle.

Chestnuts In Fire

The newspaper continues to observe that whenever recently there has been any talk of a common Anglo-American front in the Far East, cries have arisen in the United States that London wants the Americans to pull the British chestnuts out of the fire, but now, says the paper, "we have some chestnuts of our own roasting in China."

The comment adds that the Panny incident has shown that foreign policy based on United States neutrality is no foreign policy at all. It is the consensus of opinion in America that even the Panny incident is insufficient to stir public (Continued on Page 7.)

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JAPANESE BEATEN BY ANGRY MOB

A Japanese, believed to be an official of the Japanese Consulate-General, Hongkong, was yesterday attacked and badly beaten by a Chinese mob on the frontier, it is learned on good authority.

Two British officers, believed to be attached to a battalion stationed here, went to the rescue of the Japanese. They were also attacked, but escaped injury. They succeeded in getting the Japanese to safety. The attack occurred at Chaiwauk, it is stated. The Japanese is said to have crossed the frontier with a camera and to have been seized and beaten seriously before intervention arrived which probably saved his life.

HANGCHOW NOW THREATENED

Hankow, Dec. 20. Hangchow, one of the most modern and most beautiful cities in China, is threatened by Japanese troops, whose vanguards have captured Chaiwauk-shih. Gunfire is now audible in Hangchow.

In the meantime Japanese troops are continuing their push northwards from the Yangtze along the Tientsin-Fukow railway by three routes. The centre is said to be advancing along the railway, the right wing along the Grand Canal and the left wing along the Hwaiyang road.

The rear Chinese forces at Chuchow are being withdrawn to Chang-paoing owing to the threat of a flanking movement by the Japanese left wing. (Continued on Page 7.)



WINTER COATS

AT a hen lunch party the other day the dozen or so women present fell to discussing winter coats. One woman said she'd bought a very plain coat to go with her furs, and another was looking for just the right type of fur capelet to go with a collarless coat; yet another considered that a winter coat without a fur collar simply wasn't worthy of the name.

My immediate neighbours at table had both decided that since you can wear a country coat in town but not a town coat in the country, they have chosen really snug and warm tweed coats, and for the dressy "do's" in town would wear their fur coats—whether they (the wearers) melted or not!

So far as fashion is concerned, they can all do just as they wish and all be in the swim. Fur skins—especially silver fox—are just the peak of chic, and if you're lucky enough to have them you'd be foolish indeed not to get a collarless coat to go with them; equally fur capes. And if you choose a fur-trimmed coat you can please yourself as to whether it has the highest and broadest collar you've ever seen, or neatly tailored revers and trimmings of flat fur.

I came across the neatest coats in novelty woollen last week, which are specially designed to wear with fur stoles and capes. One of these is cut slim and straight, the sleeves slightly full, and a narrow collar just rolled back in front. But what gives this model real character is the pin-tucking on the shoulders to form a sort of yoke and matching tucking on the cuffs and patch pockets.

It's lined through with art silk crepe, and whether you're 39in. hips, or up to 44in., you can buy it at the very inexpensive price in black, navy, brown or new tan.

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Prune Cake

THIS cake, something like a fruit cake in texture, has a lovely flavour and is moist enough to keep well.

Cream $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of shortening and blend in 1 cup of sugar. Stir in 1 cup of chopped cooked prunes. Mix and sift thoroughly the following dry ingredients—2 cups of cake flour, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of salt, 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of cloves, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of nutmeg.

Add the dry ingredients to first mixture alternating with $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of milk. Add 1 teaspoon of vanilla and beat mixture for two minutes. Pour into a shallow cake tin which has been well greased, and bake in a moderately slow oven (325 degrees) for about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hour.

For frosting, blend 3 tablespoons of butter with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of hot prune juice, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of vanilla extract. Beat in 2 tablespoons of chopped cooked prunes and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of chopped nuts. Then gradually add about 4 cups of sifted icing sugar, beating until the mixture is smooth and of spreading consistency. Spread on cake when cooled.

Wedding Gift Ideas

WEDDING presents are always a strain on the imagination. The ideal is something useful and decorative and at the same time durable and of good value.

A good idea is one of the new inkstands carved out of a solid slab of jade. This is also an ashtray and a clock, and makes a handsome ornament for a library, writing room or bedroom.

A silver clock-cum-barometer-cum-thermometer would be appreciated in any household and an article of old Georgian silver or a gift of old silver labels for wine bottles and decanters would be highly prized by a newly-married couple.

Cruets have become a joke as far as wedding gifts are concerned. The result is that many newly-weds find themselves without anything to hold their condiments.

The latest idea is to have a cruet made in the form of silver flowers with golden stamens from which pepper and salt can be shaken like pollen.

Leek And Spaghetti Soup

MELT 1 oz. butter in a saucepan and add 6 medium-sized leeks which have been well washed and thinly sliced. Put the lid on the pan and cook for 10 minutes, then pour on 2 pints of tepid water and cook for 20 minutes.

Now add 2 oz. spaghetti, which has been broken up into small pieces and cook till the spaghetti is soft, about 15 minutes. Season the soup to taste and just before serving add 1 pint milk which has been brought to the boil. Serve with a dish of grated cheese.

D. M.

Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

Savoury Pancakes

WHAT are we to do when there's a little meat left over but not very much? How are we best to eke it out?

This is where stuffed savoury pancakes come in, a delicious novelty to most, and really quite a special dish for special occasions.

A good pancake mixture for this dish is as follows: Sieve four ounces of flour and a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt into a basin, and in a well in the middle drop in an egg-yolk and work in a gill of milk gradually. Beat well, add another gill of milk, and finally the beaten egg-white. Leave it possible for an hour or two before using. Then make your pancakes, and keep them hot.

MEANWHILE you will have minced or chopped up some left-over meat, or fish, or even vegetables such as peas or beans, bind them with some nicely flavoured and rather thick sauce (if you can think of nothing else, tomato sauce is as good as any), put a few spoonfuls down the centre of each pancake, and fold over the ends on top. Arrange them in a long dish, pour some more sauce over them, sprinkle

them if you like with a little grated cheese, and brown quickly in the oven or under the grill.

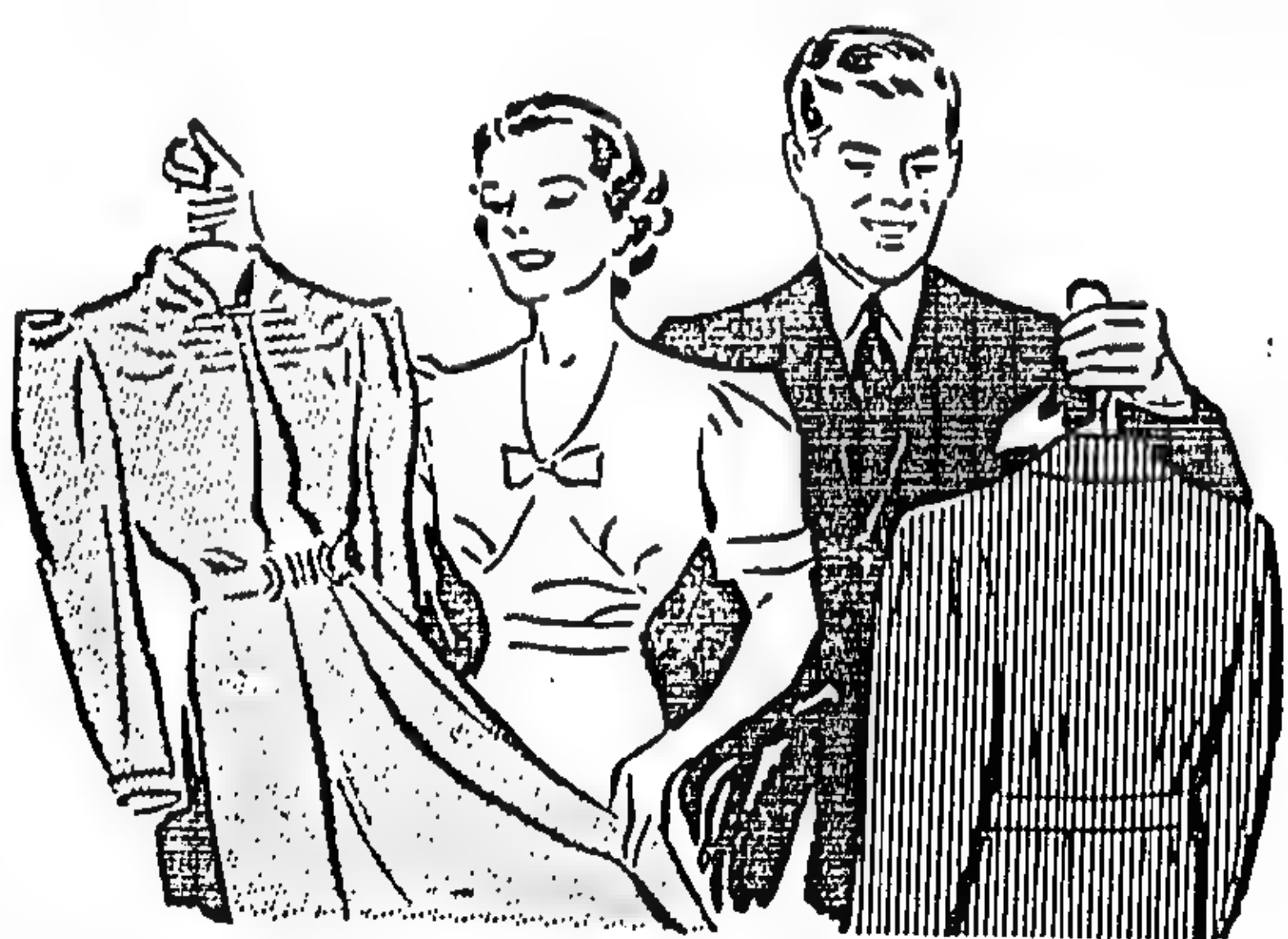
Here are some suggestions for stuffings:

Chopped hard-boiled eggs with a white sauce like parsley or onion. Flaked, cooked, smoked haddock bound with white or cheese sauce. A mixture of vegetables, peas, beans, carrots, turnips in cubes, all bound with a little white sauce.

Any minced or finely chopped cooked meat, bound with a well-flavoured gravy or some sauce or other. Chopped or sliced cooked mushrooms bound with a brown sauce. Chopped chicken bound, lobster or crab in a white or tomato sauce.

In fact, anything that you think will go well with the pancakes! In most cases a sprinkling of grated cheese is an excellent addition at the end and usually improves the appearance of the dish by browning the top.

This is an extremely simple dish to make, for the stuffing can be made beforehand and only warmed up, while the frying of the pancakes is a very simple matter. And very few people, I find, have ever heard of it. Try it for yourself and see.



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LOOK at the top left-hand coat that Ambrose has sketched here—it's the perfect cuddly coat in boucle blanket-cloth, lined with taffeta.

I tried one of these on and fell for it at once. I chose mahogany brown, a lovely new red-brown shade. But you can also get it in nigger, navy, green and camel, hip sizes 39in. to 46in.

Then there are the coats of fur cloth—inexpensive, yet all chic and adapted from Paris models. Look at the collar on the black Persian lamb-cloth coat sketched. The little scarf tie coming from under the collar (which you can wear up, or down as in the sketch) is a good fashion note, and you can also get it in navy and brown.

Another coat in this material is a three-quarter swagger, with one of those new American "tummy" belts, which are fastened outside across the front and slotted through the coat of the sides to allow the back to hang straight.

FUR coats follow the fashion just as the cloth ones do. There are loose swaggers in ocelot and wild cat and sea lion for the country, and the smartest possible models with big sleeves and belts for town.

In the sketch you see a coat of Arabian kid in a soft beige shade. It has the sleeves pleated in at the top, a wide pointed rever collar, and is generally cut just like any cloth coat skinned down the back of the shoulder, and belted with brown kid or suede with a doggy buckle in chromium.

Another up-to-the-moment model there is in grey Indian lamb, and revers faced with the green woollen that lines it and makes the belt. A pocket hangs down from under the belt at one side.

For a real hard-wearing, inexpensive full-length coat you can't beat a Paris-style mink-dyed mar-mot. These skins are more pliable than usual and a very good colour. With wide-topped sleeves and a roll collar that is cut square at the back, almost like a sailor collar, this coat is very new.

If you've chosen a plain cloth coat, then a fox tie is the thing to go with it. If your coat is brown you will probably like a blue fox better.

Must You be High Hat?

YOUR hats this season, as you know, have gone higher and higher, in fact to quite ridiculous heights.

Just as he was getting used to comfortable hats, hats which you could pull on in a hurry, give them a pat on top and say: "Right, I'm ready," mere man is suddenly confronted, and confounded, with something that requires to be poised delicately and worn with your head perpetually carried in the air. Must the new hats swoop upwards in funnel formation, or in frantic haste career madly skywards?

A well-known fashion designer is reported to have said, "when your husband fails to notice your new hat do not be annoyed—he is paying you a compliment." Why?

Can a man enjoy being with a woman who is the cynosure of all eyes? Naturally, embarrassed, the poor fellow imagines all sorts of things. Inquiring glances! Are they scorn or envy? A titter here! A whisper there! What are they thinking? You will find him nervously fingering his tie or tugging fiercely at his hat. He is afraid to look at your "lovely creation," but stents covert glances—in darkened shop windows. Surely it is not as bad as he first thought?

When asked for his opinion he will undoubtedly, if he is your fiancé, look sheepish and mutter, "Oh, rather, suits your face, and all that." If your husband, most likely he will fiddle with his pipe and grunt something unintelligible.

What are your thoughts as you venture courageously forth, head held. Oh! the inspiration of a new hat. But—what was that glance? Feverishly you fumble for your mirror. "Is it too high?" (undoubtedly.) "Does it come too far forward?" Panic-stricken you pull a little here, push a little there, until finally in sheer despair you decide "I should have chosen that other one."

A Mere Male

Coming Coiffures

HAIR fashion forecasts say that heads are to remain swathed and sleek, with flat plastic curls arranged halo-wise around a burnished crown. This style looks well with both day and evening clothes, and is an ideal coiffure to show off stud-earrings to advantage.

The "pageboy" coiffure is very chic just now, but it has to be worn with discrimination. It looks best on a woman who is young, well-dressed and preferably fair.

Whispers from Paris say that the shingle will soon be back, but in a very soft and feminine edition. The back of the head will be closely trimmed, but the front will be longer and more curly.



Will Her Dream Come True?

How Many Anaemic, Run-Down Girls Have Become Happy, Healthy Wives And Mothers.

Many girls are deprived of the opportunity of a husband and a home because of their wretched state of health. Others, who do marry are often worse off, for a wife's ill-health has been the cause of many unhappy marriages.

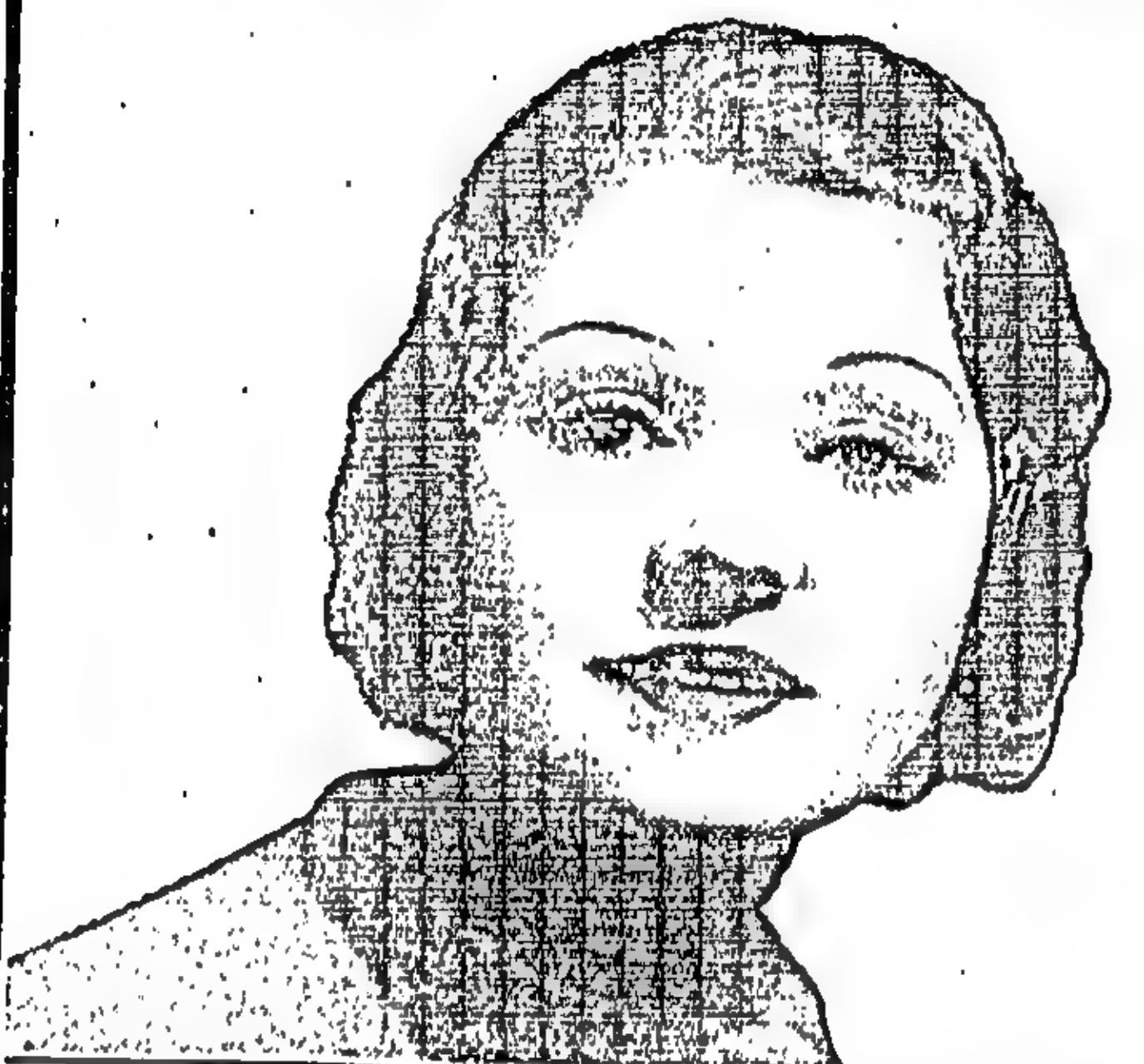
One of the greatest menaces to health especially in early womanhood is weak, thin, impure blood. Blood impoverishment is responsible for the pale cheeks, gaunt figures, lack-lustre eyes, poor appetites, low spirits, and general enfeeblement of many young women to-day.

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CHINESE BLOCK YANGTSE RIVER BELOW HANKOW

RUSSIAN AIRMEN AID IN DEFENCE SCHEME

Hankow, Dec. 20.

A new Chinese boom across the Yangtse River at Kiukiang, halfway between Wuhu and Hankow is now in position, closing the river to navigation above this point.

A number of British and American gunboats and merchant ships which, for various reasons, did not follow the warships Capetown, Oahu and Ladybird, down river, are therefore bottled up in the reaches of the Yangtse above the boom.

It is hoped that the boom will prevent Japanese warships from steaming up the Yangtse and bombarding Hankow in the attack the Japanese are now expected to make on the city.

Hankow is now well protected against air raids, Chinese airmen having been given assistance in the patrol work of some 30 Soviet pilots who are using Soviet-made machines. The Russian pilots, with their smart bearing, friendly attitude and polished manners, have become exceedingly popular.

Later, the Chinese authorities have officially announced that the Yangtse is closed to navigation below Kiukiang.

The Hankow garrison headquarters has announced that beginning tomorrow, the use of telephones in the Wuhu area will be stopped during air raids in order to facilitate efficient defence operation. The only exceptions will be the military, fire brigade and hospital telephone lines.

CHINESE WITHDRAW
Hankow, Dec. 20.
Chinese forces withdraw from Chinghsan-shih north of Hankow on the Nanking-Hankow highway yesterday after their defence works had been demolished by a Japanese bombardment during repeated onslaughts.

Protected by a heavy barrage and preceded by a number of tanks, 800 Japanese infantrymen launched an attack on the Chinese positions at 1 a.m. After a four-hour engagement, the Chinese forces were forced to withdraw for two kilometres. At 5 a.m. the Japanese launched a

second offensive. Undaunted the Chinese forces put up a stubborn resistance, slaughtering over 200 Japanese. Later, nine Japanese heavy bombing planes flew over the Chinese positions and unloaded tons of high explosives. With their defence works completely destroyed the Chinese forces finally abandoned Chinghsan-shih and withdrew to new positions further south.

The highway south of Chinghsan-shih has been damaged by the Chinese forces to check the advance of the Japanese whilst Chinese mobile units are still occupying the hills around Chinghsan-shih to harass the Japanese.—Central News

FUNDS FOR NANKING REFUGEE ZONE
Hankow, Dec. 20.
The International Committee of the Shanghai Red Cross Society has allocated \$10,000 in bonds for relief purposes in the refugee zone in Nanking.

The Society has received \$50,000 contributions from overseas Chinese committed by Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to America.—Central News

CONFUSION REIGNS AT TSINGPU
Hankow, Dec. 20.
Confusion again reigns in Tsingpu north-west of Sunghiang as Japanese

Peace Pact Author Is Dying

St. Paul, Minnesota, Dec. 19.
Mr. Frank Billings Kellogg, author of the famous Kellogg Peace Pact, is critically ill following an operation. He had a stroke six weeks ago. Dr. Lepak who is attending Mr. Kellogg says there is virtually no hope, and that his passing is just a matter of hours.—Reuter.

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To-morrow Mrs. McAvoy will address the members of the Rotary Club on "The Spirit of Christmas." It is hoped that members of the Club will remember that this is a Ladies' Day and will take this opportunity to bring their friends to the fifth.

Troops and Chinese guerilla units are holding out against each other across a creek. The inhabitants are fleeing in all directions.—Central News.

10,000 JAPANESE CROSS YANGTSE RIVER

Isuehow, Dec. 20.
An intelligence report received here states that about 10,000 Japanese troops have crossed the Yangtse River at Chinkiang to the north bank. Chinese troops on the north bank have been instructed by the Chinese military command to take the strictest precaution against these Japanese troops.—Central News.

BRITONS PREPARED TO LEAVE SHAMEEN

But Only If Lives
Are Endangered

(By Staff Correspondent)

Canton, Dec. 20.
From an official source, the Telegraph learns that women and children residing in the British and French Concessions at Shameen, Canton, have been warned by the Consulates to hold themselves in readiness to evacuate to Hongkong at a minute's notice.

This step has been taken purely as a precautionary measure, in view of the possibility that Canton may be brought into the zone of military operations.

It is understood that plans for evacuation have already been prepared by the British Consular authorities in Canton, in conjunction with Naval authorities. It is emphasised, however, that there will be no question of evacuation unless it appears certain that British lives at Shameen are likely to be endangered by military, naval or aerial operations.

The British Consul-General in Canton, Mr. A. P. Blunt, is arriving in Hongkong this morning to confer with His Excellency the Governor, it is understood. He will probably return to Canton this evening or to-morrow.—Special.

TO SEE ADMIRAL
It is learned that Mr. A. P. Blunt, Consul-General for Canton, is due here at 2 p.m. to-day by a gunboat of the West River Flotilla. He will interview H.E. the C-in-C, Admiral Sir Charles Little, this afternoon and will then go to Government House to consult with H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote. Mr. Blunt will spend the night at Government House probably returning to Canton to-morrow.

PRINCE BURIED IN CAIRO

Cairo, Dec. 19.
The embalmed body of the so-called "Mad Prince" Ahmed Seifeldin, brother-in-law of the late King Fuad, was given a State funeral and burial in the royal cemetery on arrival here from Istanbul to-day. A representative of King Farouk, members of the Egyptian Cabinet and other Egyptian princes were among those present.—Reuter.

Maryse Hilsz Trying For New Record

Istre, Dec. 19.
The famous French aviatrice, Maryse Hilsz took off at 2.30 p.m. G.M.T. to-day for Basrah in an attempt to beat the women's long-distance record flight established by Amelia Earhart, with a non-stop hop of 2,402 miles.

Mlle. Hilsz is flying a Caudron-Simoun plane with a 220 horsepower Renault engine, which was given her by the Air Ministry for the purpose of the flight.—Reuter.

"HOOVER" STARTS TO BREAK UP

Taihouk, Dec. 20.
Weakened by the battering received from the heavy seas, the Dollar Line vessel, President Hoover, which is wrecked on Kisholo Island, commenced to break up this morning.

Hurried and very gallant work was necessary to take off the remainder of the crew, but all are reported now to be safe.—Reuter.

GALE BRINGS DANGER
From the Dollar Company it was verified that the position of the Hoover has been made more serious by the strong north-east gale that has been blowing all night.

Mr. T. B. Wilson, who with Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, marine expert, is on board to see what salvage prospects exist, wirelessly the company here stating that the engine room had had to be shut down at 4 a.m. since it was no longer possible to work the engines.

The crew, he added, was working well and another and larger tug, the Miho, had come from Moji to assist the Yusho, which left her work with the Asama Maru in Hongkong last week, to assist in salvage.

Mr. Wilson did not say in his message what the chances of salvage were. He is expected back in Hongkong on Friday.

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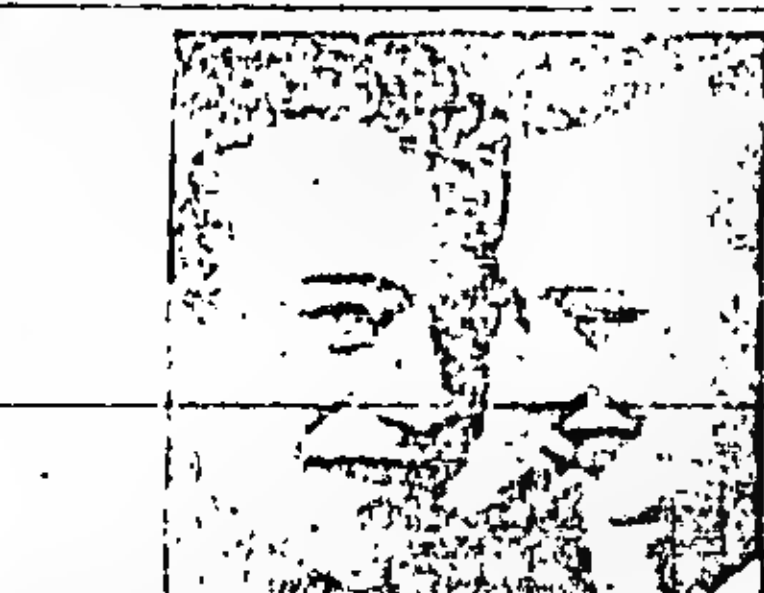
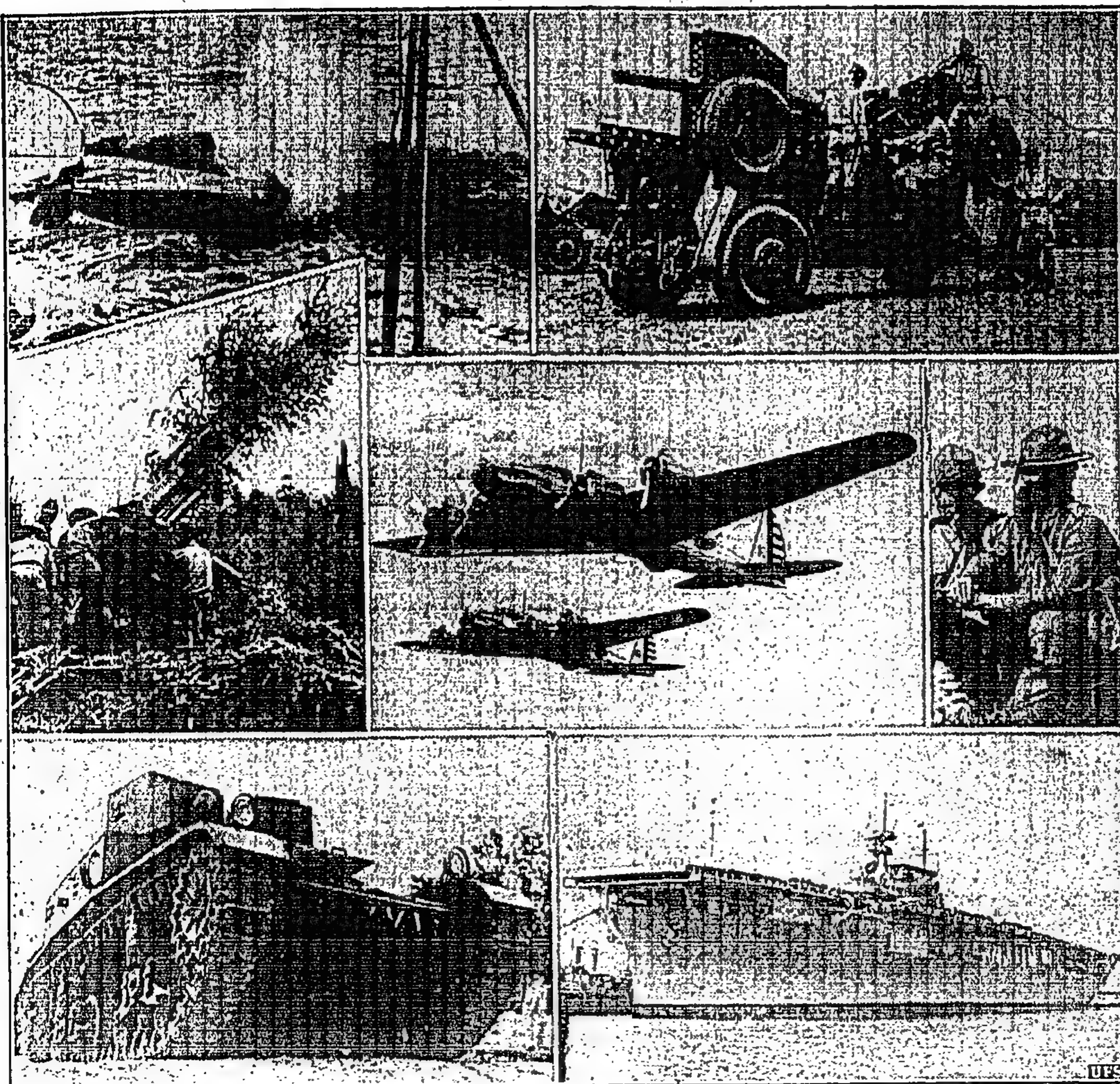
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Nations of the world still debt-burdened from the last conflict are finding that the price of war has gone up. Cost of the World War has been added up to \$340,000,000,000. Cost of a new war would far surpass that amount, with new construction and high cost of materials responsible.

Army bombers, for example, like the "flying fortresses" in centre panel, cost \$250,000 each and a squadron of 60 would release 100 tons of bombs daily, at \$800 a ton. A naval torpedo, upper left, costs \$12,500. Every round fired from a big gun, like the mobile weapon at upper right or the anti-aircraft gun at left centre, costs about \$10, while a 14-inch navy shell complete with detonating charge costs about \$120. A combat division would fire away \$330,000 daily.

Modern battleships, fully equipped, used to cost around \$300,000,000. Now the price has doubled. The new aircraft carrier Yorktown, lower right, recently launched at Norfolk, Va., cost \$20,000,000. New items to be considered in an impending war would be tanks, lower left, and gas masks, not only for soldiers, as in right centre, but for the civilian population as well. Tanks and civilians' gas masks were not used widely in the World War.

GAS MASKS NOW ON
SALE IN HONGKONG

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ing essential services will naturally be assisted with Government masks. Cruiser Coming

London, Dec. 20. The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. Birmingham, the new type of City-class cruiser, is to be loaded with stores and will then sail immediately for the Orient.

The Admiralty insists that this has no connection with recent incidents in China, since the Birmingham has for two months been undergoing repairs in preparation for entering the China Fleet service.

It is denied that other ships have been ordered to stand by preparatory to receiving orders to sail for the Far East. However, there is wide speculation as to the likelihood of further strengthening of the Orient fleet.

The Sunday Express diplomatic correspondent understands that the Cabinet has already provisionally arranged to reinforce the Hongkong naval and military defences. The correspondent says: "If necessary a very strong force will be despatched, sufficient for all eventualities, including several of the biggest capital ships, as well as cruisers, submarines and destroyers. In order to save time it is likely they will be sent from the Mediterranean fleet."—United Press.

New Naval Programme

Washington, Dec. 19. The new naval programme has been sent to the Appropriations Sub-Committee which is already hearing the testimony of naval experts. It is understood the naval authorities have approved of the programme.

Congress leaders are of the opinion that the House will be ready to give consideration to the programme early in January and they also predict that the appropriations will be passed as a result of increasing public sentiment in favour of a stronger defence. It is also indicated that President Roosevelt will again request a billion dollars defence appropriation in January.

The naval construction programme includes two light cruisers, six submarines, eight destroyers, and four auxiliaries. It is feared that the measure will expand the current fiscal appropriations to \$130,000,000 for new construction.

Comparative Naval
Strength

A recapitulation of the comparative naval strength of United States, Britain and Japan including ships and tonnage built or appropriated reveals the following figures:

United States: 325 ships, 1,083,330 tonnage built, and 87 ships, with 235,505 tonnage appropriated.
Britain: 215 ships and 1,216,300 tonnage built and 87 ships with 541,200 tonnage appropriated.
Japan: 200 ships and 745,594 tonnage built and 23 ships with 89,270 tonnage appropriated.—United Press.

Keeping Close Contact

London, Dec. 20. Amplifying previous reports regard-

NOT WANTED
IN COLONYGREEK NATIONAL
ASKED TO LEAVE

Tzimis Vlassios Vlachos, 53, a Greek, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport on December 13, and failing to register his arrival within the prescribed period.

Sub-Inspector Russell prosecuting said that the defendant was met on his arrival from Canton by the police and told to report his arrival in person at the registration office. The defendant failed to do so, and on being located his passport was found to have expired this year and not to have been renewed.

The defendant gave as an excuse that he was in Nanking when the fighting broke out, being then sent to Hankow and from there to Hongkong. He had also posted a letter to the Registration Office on December 16 regarding his arrival in the Colony.

Sub-Inspector Russell then said that from information received the defendant would have been refused a visa for Hongkong if he had applied for it in Nanking.

His Worship then administered a caution on the first charge, a fine of \$25 on the second, and issued expulsion order to be made against the defendant.

ing consideration of the strengthening of British forces in the Far East, the Daily Telegraph diplomatic correspondent says the exchange of views between London, Washington and Paris is constant. Hitherto there has been no indication from Washington that if Britain reinforced her naval strength in the Far East, the United States would take similar action. The Anglo-French discussion has been merely preliminary and tentative.

No positive point can be reached unless and until Britain decides that reinforcement has become essential. In considering the position Britain will estimate the strength of Chinese resistance and the situation of the Japanese army if it presses into the interior.

The Government is also considering how far Japanese policy is dictated by the military and naval commanders, and the strength of moderate opinion in Tokyo among the industrialists, traders and economists.—Herald.

U.S. Pushing Armament

Washington, Dec. 19. President Franklin Roosevelt, moving swiftly in face of war threats abroad, has asked Congress to approve a \$570,000,000 naval programme, including the construction of two super-dreadnoughts, and 20 smaller craft.

The Budget Bureau has already approved expenditure of almost \$50,000,000 above the previous appropriations.—United Press.

ALLEGED POISONER
ON TRIAL

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soning cases, was mostly circumstantial. Accused was acquainted with a woman named Mak Yiu-sin, with whom he had lived at Toishan while the husband was in America. Their fellow villagers had always resented the adulterous relationship and eventually the couple came to Hongkong, the woman taking up quarters in Tungchol Street. On the same floor were Tang Kam and her aged husband and Chan Kwai, a woman (who were now all three dead) of arsenic poisoning. Chan Kwai and some relatives of these people. These inmates all used the same kitchen on this floor to which accused was a frequent visitor in order to see the woman Mak.

ADMITS QUARREL

Accused admitted later that there was a violent quarrel between himself and Tang Kam who objected to his visit to the house and accused him of stealing a spanner she had lost. Accused denied the theft but declined to do so on oath as requested. Tang Mak said she was afraid accused would one day do her an injury. She threatened to hit him with a bamboo pole if he came on the floor again. Accused did continue to come but less often. For some time Tang Kam and her husband would not speak to him.

On October 4, accused was in the kitchen of the house to prepare a meal and in reply to a question by Mak, he said he was also boiling water for a bath. He did not take a bath however.

The next day he returned to the house early with some fish and vegetables for breakfast for Mak, her children and himself while Tang Kam went out to get her breakfast requirements from the market. When she returned she cooked her breakfast in the kitchen while accused was in Mak's bedroom. Conversation was carried on between the three while Mak was sewing. Accused had opportunities of going into the kitchen as Tang Kam was moving about.

IMMEDIATELY TAKEN ILL

Eventually Tang Kam and her husband sat down to their meal and accused left the house because the Crown alleged he knew they would soon feel ill effects from their meal. In fact the two people soon became very ill and Chan Kwai who had tasted the rice when Tang Kam remarked on its taste, also fell ill, the three suffering from vomiting and stomach pains.

Meanwhile accused had gone to the stall of a hawk near by and in front of the stall he left a paper packet. Yang Chau-cheung, owner of the stall noticed this act but was busy at the time. Accused spoke to the assistant at the stall whom he knew, and said he had a jacket to give to him which he would fetch. He went back to the house from where the two stricken women had already been removed by ricksha to the Kwong Wah Hospital on the initiative of a principal tenant on another floor of the house.

Accused went directly to the kitchen and was noticed to remove an old cooking pot belonging to Tang Kam from its place in a recess, and scrub it vigorously with a brush.

Both these articles were later found to contain traces of arsenic and it was the suggestion of the Crown that he had on the previous day boiled arsenic in the pot and obtained a concentrated solution which he had poured into Tang Kam's rice during one of her absences from the kitchen.

Accused left the house saying he would not be far away and he went to the stall with the jacket. The stall owner had just peeped into the contents of the parcel still lying there and was about to throw it away in consequence of a remark made by an onlooker, when accused snatched it from him and went away.

A Chinese doctor had been fetched to Tang Kam's husband and he prescribed for food poisoning. At the Hospital, Dr. Beng the Superintendent, had diagnosed arsenic poisoning and had informed the police who took statements from the women. The women died during the next day.

The police went to the floor on October 5, the day of the poisoning, and Sgt. Headridge ordered the old man to be removed to hospital where he also died. Various objects were taken away for examination and inquiries were made for accused.

HEAVY DOSE

When confronted with a police constable, accused said: "Are they saying I have poisoned somebody? The worst that can happen is death."

Accused was arrested and examination of the food utensils, spittoons, etc., showed a quantity of arsenic. There were more than 20 grains in one spittoon used by the victims, 12 in another and 52 in the rice bowl from which the fatal dose had been taken. Two grains were sufficient to prove fatal. Traces of arsenic were found in accused's jacket pockets and in the scrapings from his finger nails taken by his permission.

At the lower court proceedings when tried for committing, accused denied the killing. He admitted having quarrelled with Tang Kam but said she had also quarrelled with her husband and it was probably she who had poisoned him. In view of the fact that she ate the fatal rice herself, such a theory was fantastic, said counsel.

Counsel remarked that Chan Kwai, another occupant of the floor, had received permission to put taro root in a bowl above Tang Kam's cooking rice in order to warm it, but it was not suggested that the arsenic was put into this food.

Mr. F. C. Neville, of the Public Works Department, produced plans of the scene produced in evidence. Tee Sing-ho, 68, farmer, gave evidence that he came from the village in Toishan where Mak and accused had lived together before going to Hongkong.

Mak Yiu-sin gave evidence next, sitting in the dock with an infant in her arms. She bore out Counsel's opening statement materially.

In cross-examination she said she did not carry on a conversation with

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 20
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Manila	Emp. Canada	December 21
Calcutta and Straits	Sirghana	December 22
Straits	Titan	December 22
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 25th November and London Parcels—London date, 18th November.	Corfu	December 23
Japan	Atsuta Maru	December 24
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Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London date, 11th November	Memnon	December 24
Japan and Shanghai	Rampura	December 24
Calcutta and Straits	Sulsang	December 25
Straits	Conte Verde	December 25
Japan	Deucalion	December 25
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	December 25

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Japan, U.S.A. Canada, C. and S. Pres. McKinley	Mon., Dec. 20.	
America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 7th January, 1938 and Europe via Siberia.	Parcels, Dec. 20, 3 p.m. Reg., Dec. 20, 3.45 p.m. Ord., Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m.	
Shanghai	Sumatra	Mon., Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 20th Dec.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 20.
K.P.O.		
Reg., Dec. 20, 5 p.m.	Reg., Dec. 20, 5 p.m.	
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Tuesday		
Air Mail for North China, Sian Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface trans- port as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Tues., Dec. 21, G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Dec. 21, 9 a.m. Ord., Dec. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Tues., Dec. 21, 10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Klungchow	Tues., Dec. 21, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Soochow	Tues., Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.

Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., Dec. 22, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow	Hoihow	Wed., Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	Fook On	Wed., Dec. 22, 9.00 a.m.
Air Mail for North China and Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Wed., Dec. 22.
Swatow and Shanghai	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg., Dec. 22, 9 a.m. Ord., Dec. 22, 9.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Leesang	Wed., Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Haiching	Wed., Dec. 22, 2 p.m.
Parcels, Dec. 22, 4 p.m.	Yuenang	Wed., Dec. 22, 5 p.m.

Swatow and Shanghai	Chakasang	Thurs., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwelin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service" K.P.O.	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., Dec. 23.
Reg., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	Reg., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	
Ord., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	Ord., Dec. 24, 6 a.m.	

*Superscribed correspondence only.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

Li Man-cheung, 41, a woman residing at 41 Shipo Road was removed to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries caused by a run-away horse.

Mr. A. Landau, Hongkong restaurateur, has left to spend a short holiday in Java and the Philippines to complete his convalescence following a serious illness.

A dinner dance in aid of the Chinese Medical Relief Association is to be held at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dress is optional and admission is \$5 per person.

A Chinese male, Chung King, 41, of 162 Sai Yung-choi Street was removed to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries received when he was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. H. C. Seldier in Nathan Road outside the Mongkok Police Station.

For the larceny of a scarf valued at \$5 outside 15 Connaught Road Central on Saturday, Ip Kam, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to three weeks' detention he appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

A sentence of two months' imprisonment was inflicted on Chung Hoi, 28, unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when found guilty on a charge of loitering at Mount Kellett Road, near house No. 160, on the morning of December 18.

Ng Pak-to, of Calne Road, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for the defective condition of the earthenware rainwater pipe of his residence. Mr. W. A. Mackinnon, of Deacons, was present for Ng, and pleaded guilty, saying that the contractors had repaired the wrong pipe. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

RADIO BROADCAST

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Famous Marches Medley....Harold Ramsay; Dance Orchestra—She's My Lovely—Fox-Trot; I'm Happy When You're Happy—Fox-Trot; (from 'Hill and Seek')....Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra.

8.00 'Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Relay from the Ko Shing Theatre.

11.00. Close down.

8.05-11.00 European Programme from ZEK.

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Played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and the B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

8.55 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

'Madam Butterfly' and Why Was He So Careful....Rosetta Pampaloni and Concetta Velasquez; One Fine Day....Rosetta Pampaloni (Soprano); 'Ma non Lasciate'—Intermezzo....Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by

Lorenzo Melajoli. 'La Fanciulla del West'; My Father Died Just Six Months Ago; Let Her Believe That I Have Gained My Freedom....Alessandro Valente (Tenor).

9.15 London Relay—Empire Exchange.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Paul Robeson (Bass).

'Lazlo'; You Didn't Oughta Do Such Things (film 'Big Fella'); Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child (arr. Brown); Poem (Minstrel Man) (Hues).

10.0 Variety.

Violin—Medley Of Hornpipes; Medley Of Jigs....Sean Nolan.

Comedienne—Give Me A Heart To Sing To; Frankie And Johnny (from the film); Helen Morgan (Monckton).

Vocal—The Quaker Girl—Vocal Gens....Light Opera Company.

Cinema Organ—In A Bird Store (Lark); In A Clock Store (Orth); Terence Casey. Accordion—Bell Ringer, Fox-Trot....Maurice Alexander.

10.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—It Looks Like Rain In Cherry Blossom Lane; In An Old Cathedral Town....Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

Sweet Is The Word For You; Blue Hawaii (film 'Walkie Wedding')....Eddie Carroll and The Casual Club Orchestra. Sunset In Vienna (from 'Vienna Sunset'); You're Looking For Romance I'm Looking For Love....Brian Lawrence and His Landowne Orchestra.

I'm Feeling Like A Million (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938')....Caravan....Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Ten Pretty Girls; Waltz—Waltz Of The Gipsies ('London Rhapsody')....Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

Tung Kam while she was preparing the meal that proved fatal. Witness said she was sewing and sitting with accused who remained in the bed space. There was no conversation.

In reply to Mr. Williams witness agreed that her whole attention was given up to her sewing at that time. A young daughter of Mak Siu-sin and a nephew of Chan Lui, gave evidence that they knew the accused. The hearing is proceeding.



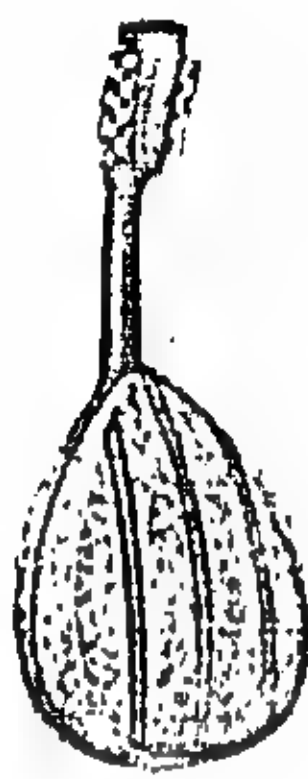
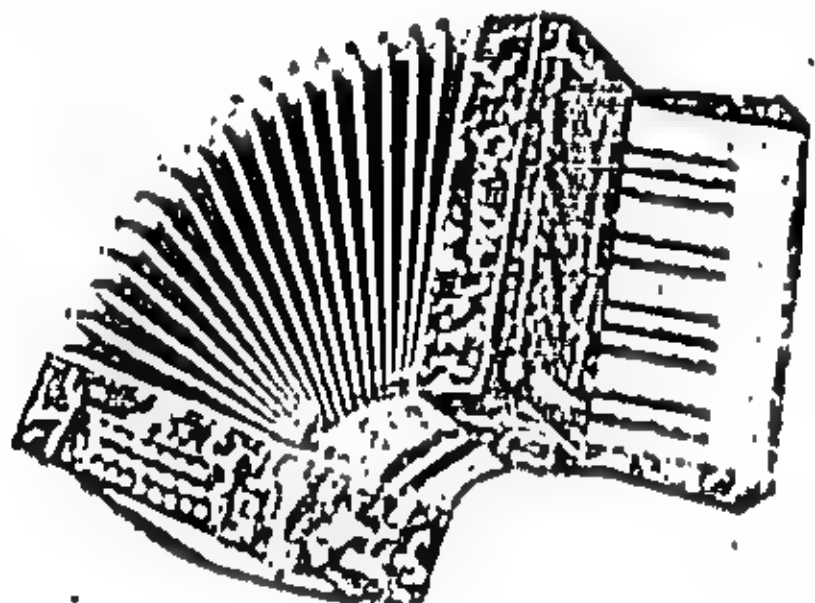
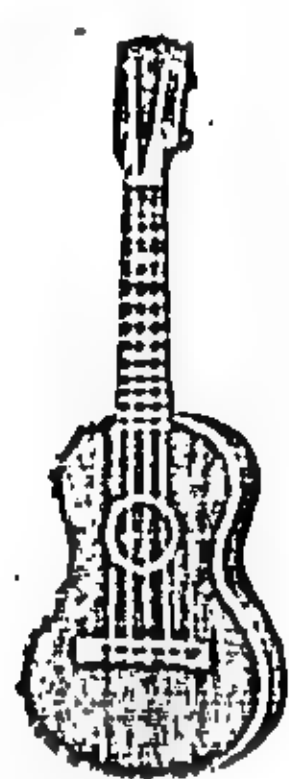
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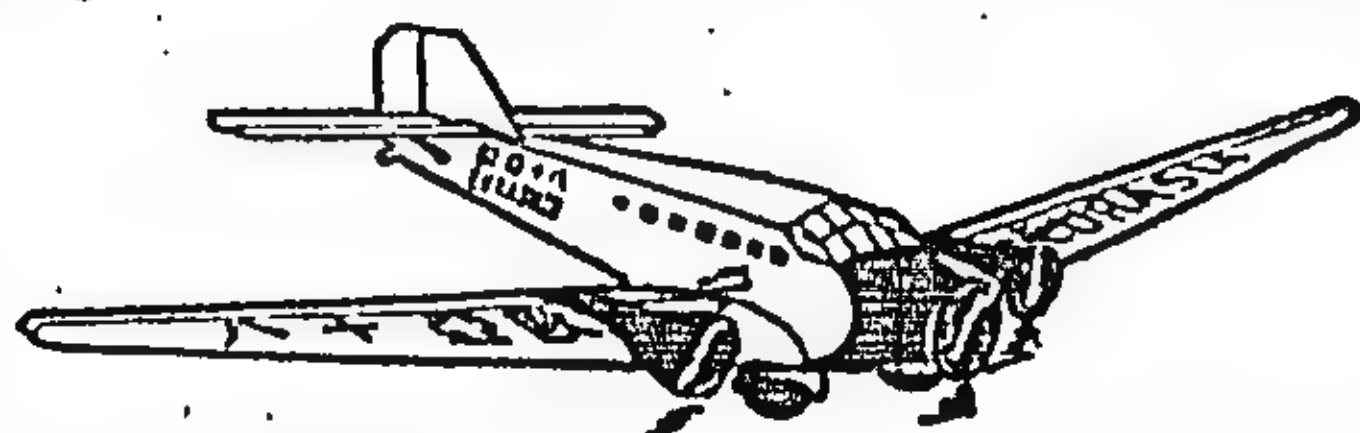
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HONGKONG MUST
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The Government of Hongkong is to be congratulated upon its decision to lay down in the near future two 21-inch trans-harbour pipelines, instead of the 18-inch line recommended in the recent Report on the Water Supply. Provision for an adequate water supply for this growing Colony is one of the essentials in any Government programme of development, though water is an element not always interesting to the public. Man, generally speaking, is more concerned with his food. But a moment's reflection will show that water is the most vital necessity in life. We take it too much for granted. There are complaints enough if the supply is cut off even for a few hours, and although Hongkong is no stranger to the idea of rationing it would commence to feel uncomfortable if the hours of supply were cut to, say, four or five throughout the day. Such a condition of affairs is not by any means impossible. Hongkong's own reservoirs are far from adequate for supplying the needs of the Island. And in a year of late or little rain, Hongkong would be a dry spot indeed were it not for the supply available from Kowloon's usually well-filled lakes.

Examination by diver of the water pipes across the harbour early this year revealed that the 12-inch line laid in 1929-30 had corroded badly. The report leads to the belief that the pipe is considered to have deteriorated to a dangerous extent. In the 18-inch main serious corrosion has also occurred. Moreover, there is considerable doubt that pipe of this kind is adequate for the needs of the immediate future. In any event, the decision to construct two 21-inch lines is welcome; for it not only assures the Island of a volume of water sufficient for its needs but, in the event of damage to one of the pipes, would prevent any real hardship. These pipe lines form a vulnerable section of the Island's lines of communication, it is recognised. It is not necessary to stress here the necessity of adequate water supply for the preservation of the health, indeed the life, of the Colony. Since Hongkong's defences at this time are a matter of interest to everyone, it is gratifying to know that with the completion of the proposed new mains the Island's supplies are doubly secure. But there is also a problem in the protection of the source of supply. Such great engineering works as the Shing Mun Dam offer an exceptionally fine target to anyone bent upon the destruction of this Colony or the procuring of surrender. How better could an enemy strike a blow than at a fortress' water, every bit as

Refugees fleeing from
the Japanese bombers—
"men, women, children
—bedding, baskets,
pillowcases filled with
goodness knows what"

NINA W. TROY, American missionary in China, sent to a friend in London this vivid extract from her diary which tells of the flight of refugees from threatened Soochow, near Shanghai, to a mountain retreat, Mokanshan. This first-hand account of how Japan's undeclared war on China affects the ordinary people was received in London simultaneously with news that a huge area of the residential section of Soochow had been demolished, with enormous casualties among civilians.

Only a few reached the security of Mokanshan...

SUNDAY.—Things are growing more and more tense. Last night we met here to discuss plans and hear the Shanghai news over my radio. The call has come from our Consul, "Prepare to Evacuate"; but no orders to evacuate or instructions where to go. So we are waiting. We are hoping that, even now, events will not make it necessary for us to go. For the hospital here [Soochow] is going to need help. It is terribly short of staff. The radio calls last night and this morning remind me of the calls that were

SUNDAY: "Things are growing more tense..."

MONDAY: "Twenty-three planes roared overhead..."

I FLED from the BOMBERS



broadcast on England's radios during the Fen floods. As we met last night we kept the radio on and constantly heard a warning "Shui!" Then the music would stop and a voice would say:—

"Calling Mrs. — at Mokanshan. Husband well and safe. Stay where you are. ... Calling children of — in Tsingtao. Stay where you are. ... Calling mother of — in Paitaiho. All safe. Don't leave until you hear from us. ..."

At ten o'clock the announcer said, in a tired voice: "We are piled up with calls. We cannot get them all through to-night. Please save your calls for to-morrow. We will start early in the morning." It is as bad as that.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.—We have decided to pack our suit-cases for a hurried exit: a bag with the immediate necessities and a big trunk full of other things, to be shipped home if the opportunity ever comes. Though things may quiet down overnight and school reopen. ...

At one o'clock the message came over the radio from the United States Consul: "All Americans in Chekiang and Kiangsu Provinces" (that includes us) "are to move to places of safety, not near aerodromes or concentration camps."

We are not near either, and feel that perhaps after all we shall not have to evacuate Soochow. And when the news comes in of the bombing of the aerodrome in Hangchow, where we thought we might be told to go, So-

chow seems to be the safest place we know of.

Now I am taking my watch by the radio. We are dividing up the hours so that no calls shall be missed. As I write planes are zooming overhead. We are on the direct air route from Shanghai to Nanking, and hardly an hour passes without we hear the roar of their engines. Markings are not clear, but we judge them to be Chinese. We hope so, anyway.

MONDAY MORNING.—No one is allowed on the streets to-day. We are getting ready to evacuate, for we realise the call may come at any moment. The servants asked that if we went no one should stay. But some of them may wish to.

MONDAY, 4 P.M.—A Japanese plane formation has just left us; 23 death-dealing bombers, bombing just outside Soochow. We heard them coming. A great roar of engines sent Kate and I rushing to our uncovered porch. We saw them, a great distance above us.

While we were wondering whether or not they were Japanese the question was answered by a great crash to the south. We dived for the comparative shelter of the house. Everyone gathered in an inside hall on the first floor where radio instructions told us to go in case of a raid.

Fifteen bombs dropped in quick succession, shaking doors and windows—and folk. None was very near us; but they sounded as if they were right next door.

LATER.—All afternoon and evening planes have been zooming overhead. Several times during the afternoon the sirens called everyone to cover, and distant booms were heard. But Soochow continued tense and quiet, waiting, watching, dreading.

By supper-time things seemed quietened down. At 6.30 we went in to supper. We had just got the blessing asked and the plates served, when someone said, "Listen!" We knew only too well what to listen to.

A thunderous noise announced yet another raid. We learned later that there were 40 planes which came in formation, then scattered and covered the entire city. We went back to the inside hall again: family, friends, servants, refugees from across the city. The electricity was switched off to protect us against fire should we be hit.

We heard plane after plane sweep by, then the deep boom and crash of an exploding bomb, another, another. Then a short pause as the planes turned back again, another explosion, and another.

Our doors and windows, our new house, and we ourselves shook. The house seemed to be made of pasteboard. One bomb dropped so near that we feared the new school building had been hit.

For an hour it kept on: a roar increasing in intensity as the planes advanced, the notes of the explosions as bombs were dropped, a pause as the planes made a great circle over the city, then the whole procedure over again.

TUESDAY.—Slept in small room in hospital, like sardines. There were no raids during the night, but even so there was not much sleep for us. We thought and talked about the raids.

I asked one doctor whether his house had rattled. "The house?" he said. "I don't know. I was trembling so myself, I couldn't tell about the house."

The uncertainty of everything unnerved us more than the actual danger. We were so tense, not knowing what to expect, fearing to move to see to even necessary things. We heard the roar of the planes when they were there—and thought we heard when it was only the rising wind. Even the bang of a door caused us to glance at each other in dread.

This morning has been better: only occasional planes passing in twos and threes. But distant explosions are a constant reminder that the danger is not so far away as we would like.

Mr. Henry has returned from Mokanshan. He has been trying since Sunday to get us boat, bus or launch to take us to Mokanshan or out of Soochow. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs is helping, too. But boats are scarce, and boatmen fear to take them out, for the Government has commandeered boats, trains and buses for troop movements.

Everyone listens for a whistle: wondering whether the one long blast will be followed by two short ones, to tell us that raiders are on the way.

Then, at last, the boat arrived and into it we tumbled. But still no one breathed freely until we were past the landing field two miles outside the city—and we were really on our way from threatened Soochow to Mokanshan and safety.

To-day's Thought

ETERNAL law allowed us one entrance into life but many exits.

—SENECA.

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Effort To Obtain Release Of H.K. Man Expected

RICHARDS STILL IN PRISON

China-Reluctant To Release Spy Suspect

Efforts will probably be made by the British authorities in Canton to secure the release to-morrow of Joseph J. Richards of Hongkong, detained by Kwangtung military authorities on suspicion of espionage.

Richards was arrested at Shum Chun on December 8 whilst on his way to Hongkong by the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The British Consul-General in Canton, Mr. A. P. Blunt, informed a Telegraph representative yesterday that no official information had been received of the detention of Richards. Unofficially, however, the matter has been brought to his notice, and it is understood that certain representations have already been made to the Chinese authorities.

Enquiries from Chinese semi-official sources in Canton substantiate the story of the arrest of Richards, who is still alive and in good health. It is believed that the Chinese are reluctant to release him unless guarantees are forthcoming that the British authorities will take suitable action against him.

The question of rights of British subjects is said to be involved in a similar manner in the case of the detained man. It is admitted in Chinese circles that Richards cannot be brought to trial in a Chinese court. It is believed, however, that the Chinese will insist that any foreigner suspected of espionage on behalf of a country at war with China should be forced to submit to the jurisdiction of a Chinese military tribunal.

DANGEROUS PRECEDENT
The Chinese claim that the release of Richards without trial would establish a dangerous precedent, for instance, by the British authorities of extra-territorial rights for subjects suspected of espionage would pave the way for wholesale espionage by subjects of foreign countries enjoying extra-territoriality, who would be secure in the protection afforded by their nationality.

The Telegraph understands that the Chinese authorities will be willing to release Richards if the Hongkong authorities will take action similar to that which would be taken if an alien were suspected of espionage in British territory. In the case of a Chinese citizen, no such action can be taken by the Hongkong authorities. If Chinese allegations that Richards is guilty of espionage are correct it appears that the only action that can be taken by the Hongkong Government is to issue a regulation which prohibits subversive activities against a nation friendly to Great Britain. The maximum penalty, it is understood, is two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Telegraph learns that Richards is the third British subject to be arrested in Kwangtung in recent months on suspicion of espionage. In the two previous cases, in which Indians were involved, release was effected immediately upon representations being made by the British Consul-General in Canton.

JAPANESE TO PRESS CAMPAIGN

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brief position-testing engagements at half a dozen points where large-scale drives are likely to break out as soon as the groundwork for the campaign is completed.

According to Chinese reports, Japanese troops which crossed the Yangtze at Chinkiang and captured Yangchow, launched an attack against the Chinese forces north of Yangchow. The objective of the Japanese troops is said to be Kaoyu, 45 miles to the north of Yangchow.

Meanwhile, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front the Japanese forces are stated to have staged several raids on the Chinese lines near Wuyi with the intention of testing the strength of the Chinese forces in that sector. Another Japanese unit is operating north of the Yangtze according to other Chinese reports, preparing for a drive along the Hweinn railway. This force, which crossed the Yangtze at Wuhu, is said to have gained a foothold near Yuchikow, Hanshan and Holsien on the river bank. The main objective of this army is the strategic city of Hefei, located some 90 kilometres inland.

Japanese troops are at present consolidating their positions at the southern terminus of the railway before launching a drive towards Hefei. Chinese troops are reported to have blown up all bridges along the railway.

Constituting a separate field, the Japanese military operations in the Chekiang and Anhwei areas are believed likely to be the scene of a bitter struggle between the Chinese and Japanese forces when the Japanese drive gets under way.—Reuter.



LOYALISTS POUNDING TERUEL

Claim Insurgents Face Annihilation

Madrid, Dec. 19.

The War Office at noon to-day announced that from 50,000 to 70,000 troops had begun a final assault on Teruel, wiping out the last positions of the trapped insurgents.

Artillery has begun the destruction of Teruel, and it is expected that the first of three columns would enter the place before dawn. This would signal the greatest victory the Loyalists have yet enjoyed.

Madrid is filled with rejoicing crowds at the prospect of the annihilation or capture of 60,000 rebels. A truce was terminated at noon to permit 12,000 civilians to flee to Sagunto. However no one took advantage of this truce and it is believed the insurgents are holding them as hostages.

Communications reveal hand-to-hand battles, and the capture by the Loyalists of trenches, artillery and several military objectives. Meanwhile the insurgents continue to broadcast that they repaid the assault. However, General Dol Lano admitted that the Loyalists had seized the Saragossa and Teruel highways, and that 60 Loyalist tanks and several hundreds of troops had succeeded in filtering into two insurgent positions, but that 2,000 Loyalists had been killed.

It is reported that General Franco is alarmed at the imminent fall of Teruel, fearing that it will affect the morale of the insurgents. He has despatched General Emilio Solchaga to attempt a Teruel counter-offensive.—United Press.

U.S. MAINTAINS DETERMINED ATTITUDE

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opinion to authorise joint action, but with the risk of further incidents not ruled out as long as American ships and troops remain in China, it is impossible to predict to what extent the American attitude might be modified by further assaults on American lives and treaty rights.—Reuter.

Silence Everywhere

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

It is understood that the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph G. Grew, delivered a supplementary note in connection with Panny incident to Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, late on Friday evening, but the United States Embassy and Japanese Foreign Office refuse to confirm the report, and the Japanese press is silent.

Newspapers feature the fact that the Emperor gave audience to the Prime Minister, Prince Konoze at 8.30 p.m. and again at 10.40 on Saturday. It is understood the Premier reported very fully on the fundamental policies concerning China which were unanimously adopted at Saturday's meeting of the Cabinet which lasted all day.

Prince Konoze also submitted President Roosevelt's request for assurances of safety for U.S. nationals to the Emperor.—Reuter.

Ambassador Tries To Sooth U.S.

Washington, Dec. 19.

While the State Department was expecting a formal note guaranteeing the safety of Americans, Mr. H. Salto, the Japanese Ambassador, broadcast a message to America to-night and promised that Japan would take steps to safeguard foreigners and foreign interests in China.

Mr. Salto observed: "Our authorities had not thought that such a blunder could have occurred." The "blunder" referred to being the bombing and sinking of the Panny.—Reuter.

Officer Dismissed

Washington, Dec. 19.

Mr. H. Salto, the Japanese Ambassador, to-night briefly spoke over the radio in a nation-wide "hook-up," and this was probably the first time any diplomat has been included in a commercial programme. Mr. Salto virtually made a public apology for the Panny incident which he said was a "shocking blunder, for which the Japanese Government and people were grieved beyond any expression of words."

Continuing the Ambassador said: "Acting on instructions, I offered an official expression of regret to your Government. All Japanese are now too anxious to make amends and our Government has already declared its intention to pay indemnities."

"The material loss is hardly of moment. What is impossible to redeem is the loss of life. Our authorities had no thought that such a blunder could have occurred, and they are doing their best to assure that there will be no repetition. The naval officer in command of the aircraft squadron at Shanghai has been dismissed and recalled home, and all other necessary steps are being taken to guarantee that safety will be assured of all foreign persons and interests."—United Press.

PROFIT OVER \$951,000 FOR PAST YEAR

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Mr. I. N. Murray (Deputy Manager) and Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary). Other shareholders present were Messrs. Wang Wai-shih, Lo Tui-hon, Quon Leon-sit, Mrs. Quon Sul-lan, Messrs. Fullerton (attorney for Mr. Felix A. Joseph), S. M. Bander, A. S. Ellis, H. Summers, J. J. Edgar, Mak Kiu-fan, Ezra Abraham, J. M. Jack, J. A. de S. Alvares, C. M. Silva, K. C. Mark, Kung Cheong, Fung Wing-lung, P. C. Potts and Chiu Seng-chao.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Following the reading of the notice convening the meeting by the Secretary, Mr. Braga, the Chairman read the following report:

INCREASED PROFITS
The Directors of your Company are glad to have been able to place before you a satisfactory account of the past year's working and it will be seen that the net profits have increased from \$885,937.45 to \$952,104.54.

I am sure you will wish me to thank our Manager and Staff (both European and Chinese) for their unswerving efforts to further your interests. I would specially mention that most arduous work resulted from the unprecedented typhoon in September but all difficulties were successfully overcome.

In view of the continued increase in the demand for electricity, your Directors felt that it was prudent to construct at this time a larger power house than was at first contemplated, in order to provide for the installation later on of further generating plant as required. With the power house which we are now building, we shall be able to install additional plant with very little inconvenience and practically no disturbance to the plant operating in the building. It is easy to understand that to have building operations going on as an extension to a power house in which we have valuable and delicate machinery in operation is highly undesirable.

THE NEW POWER STATION
As my predecessor in the Chair mentioned, orders were placed last year for a 12,500 K.W. Turbo-Alternator and for a 120,000-lb. Boiler, and I am glad to say that we may now forward to them being in operation by next Autumn.

In order to provide funds for our expenditure in connection with the new power station it seemed expedient to offer to shareholders at 35 per share a new issue of shares in the proportion of one to nine, and I feel sure that this will have had your approval. It was decided to call up \$2.50 per share at the present time; the remaining \$2.50 per share will be called up when required but it is not anticipated that this will be earlier than the end of next June.

The figures before you justify your Directors in recommending a dividend of 50 cents per share. In doing this, I should like just to say that, whilst we see no reason to think that we shall not be able to maintain this rate of dividend, yet in times of such uncertainty it is well that shareholders should realise that a falling off in our earnings would make it necessary to reduce the dividend.

AMPLE SUPPLIES
It occurs to me that it will probably interest shareholders to know that this Company is in the fortunate position of having ample supplies of coal both in stock and to come.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, that a Dividend of 50 cents per share on the "old" shares, and 37.47 cents per share on the 1936-Issue shares be declared in respect of the financial year ended 30th September, 1937, and that the undivided profits, after the transfer of \$50,000 to Reserve for General Managers' Rights, be carried forward.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Mr. S. M. Bander seconded the proposal and resolution, both of which were adopted unanimously. Proposed by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. J. Edgar, Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E. and Mr. L. Kadoorie were re-elected directors for the present year. The elections were unanimously approved.

The re-election of Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Mathew, and Messrs. Linstead and Davies as auditors for the present financial year was proposed by Mr. J. M. Jack and seconded by Mr. K. C. Mark, and was unanimously approved.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman announced that Dividend warrants were to be had on application at the Head Office.

TEMPERATURE UNCHANGED

Temperature at 10 a.m. at the Royal Observatory to-day was 63 degrees, the same as the corresponding reading yesterday, and humidity was 72, eight per cent. higher.

The anti-cyclone has extended eastward to the Bonin Islands; the depression is situated to the east of Hokkaido.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds fresh; fair.

LUDENDORFF SUFFERS SUDDEN RELAPSE
Munich, Dec. 20.
General Erich Ludendorff, the famous war-time German military leader, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, has suffered a sudden relapse, and is in a dangerous condition.—Reuter.

BRAVERY PRAISED

Man Who Caught Armed Robber

The courage of a Chinese watchman who braved death in the course of catching a thief was warmly commended by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday when he passed sentence of five months' hard labour on a man named Chun Lin, 32, unemployed, charged with larceny of 40 feet of rope from the Chung Tai Timber Yard, To Kwa Wan, on December 12, possession of an offensive weapon with intent to use it to wound the watchman and assault with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.

Seeing defendant attempting to steal the rope from the timber yard the watchman, Wo Lo-ng, went up to arrest the man, and was threatened with death by defendant who drew out a knife to keep him at bay. Intent on carrying out his duty Wo gave no heed to the danger and went towards defendant who raised the knife in a threatening gesture. Holding on to the knife-hand Lo struggled with defendant until an Indian constable came on the scene and rendered help.

The constable came to know of the struggle through the presence of mind of a woman named Wong Tai, who on seeing Lo and defendant struggling with the knife in a dangerous position called an Indian watchman who in turn informed the constable.

On sentencing defendant Mr. Barnett warmly commended Wo Lo-ng for his courage in tackling a violent and armed thief, and the woman Wong Tai-tai for her promptness and presence of mind in summoning help.

Inspector W. Russell of Hungham district was in charge of the case for the Police.

Eight Perish For Treason

Russian Purge Continues

Moscow, Dec. 20.

Firing squads have executed eight high officials for high treason, including M. Leon Karahan, Ambassador to Turkey, M. Yenukidze, Secretary of the Central Executive Committee, M. Uguishevan, Chief of the Navy, and M. Steiger, Protocol Chief Foreign Officer in the Voroshilov region, and M. Larin, Communist leader.

This brings the total number of executions in the latest purge to 1,200. It is announced that all eight were tried by a secret military collegium and pleaded guilty.—United Press.

POLICE PRAISED

According to the Tax Agency, the eight officials pleaded guilty to "treason against the Fatherland, terrorist activities, and systematic espionage for the benefit of a foreign Power."

Meanwhile, in connection with the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet secret police, the Government congratulated this department on successfully "ferreting out the enemies of the people," and at the same time announced the completion of the double track of the Trans-Siberian Railway between Karumskaya and Khabarovsk, for which work 10,000 political prisoners were given an amnesty.—United Press.

SOLDIER SLAYS PASSENGER FOR LIGHTING MATCH

(Continued from Page 1.)

plane. Then anti-aircraft guns barked in the distance, and a few soldiers excitedly let off their rifles and revolvers. There was more danger from falling shrapnel and the incident culminated in the death of a passenger from the undercarriage of the invisible enemy above.

Impotence rather than fear is the transcendent emotion. The enemy approaches—the dull roar becomes a crescendo of sound as the planes pass overhead.

Five minutes pass. Then the first bomb is dropped to burst with a shattering detonation that rocks the earth. Three others follow in quick succession. The four missiles completely missed their objective, but twelve civilians crouching in a huj were blown to pieces.

GONE FROM SIGHT

Almost before the reverberations ceased from the ear-splitting detonation of 800 pounds of the most powerful explosive known to mankind, the roar of the warplanes faded into the distance.

A rustling and a rising murmur of sound indicates the relief from tension amongst the huddled crowd below.

"There is almost comedy in the anticlimax. For a dog barks. Its bark suddenly becomes a howl of pain as a well-directed kick or brick demands silence from animals as well as humans."

It is another two hours before the train is allowed to proceed, and Canton was in total darkness when we arrived, shortly after midnight.

RADIO BROADCAST

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HOTEL ORCHESTRA

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (9.62 m.c.s.)

H.K.T.
12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

The Bulder (Foley-Cadman); Fret-Foot (Barran-McCall); The Sea Call (Ramon).

12.40 Hawaiian Music.
A ekele (Lizette Alchika)...Noi Lane's Hawaiian Orchestra. Vocal refrain by Lopez and trio. Aloha Beloved (Howard-Long-Canfield); Mauna Loa (Dale)...Kanui and Lulu; Hilo Hanakahi (Halekalea)...Walkiki Stone-Wall Boys; Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl—Waltz (Green and William)...Underneath the Blue Hawaiian Skies (Wasserman)...The Hawaiian Mermaid Players.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Barnabas von Gezy & His Orchestra and Killy Masters (Vocal). Valce (Sibelius); Hindu Song ("Saday"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Gipsy Wine (Ritter); Free And Easy (Porschmann)...Orchestra; When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens and Edmund); Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton and Edwards)...Kitty Master; Cava Man—Tango (Zaliden); Morka-Tango (Kotscher); Serenade (Drigo)...

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.
1.40 Variety.
Orchestra—Wiener Burger-Waltz (Zichner)...Orchestra—Mascotte; Dance—Orchestra—Fortuna—Tango; Kelloway—Tango...Robert Renard Dance Orchestra. Piano—A Message From The Man In The Moon (film 'A Day at the Races'); No More You (Towers-Grundland)...Gerry Moore; Piano and Vocal—Paris is Not The Same (Marvell-Strachey); Singing For You (Blackforth)...Leslie Hutchinson. Orchestra—Sunshine In Spring—Waltz (De Curtis-Baumann); Land Of Love—Fox-Trot (Melchior-Heyne)...Eugen Wolff and His Orchestra. Dance Orchestra—Merry-Ground—Fox-Trot; Saxophone Fireworks—Fox-Trot...Eric Harden Dance Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.
2.05-11.00. Chinese Programme.

5.00. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

1. Do I Love You; 2. Smoke Dreams; 3. My Little Grass Shuck; 4. South American Jock.

2.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

5.20 5. Another perfect night is ending; 6. Doin' the Suzi-Q; 7. Lonesome Guitar; 8. On the Beach of Ball Ball.

5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

5.40-9.—I was saying to the Moon; 10. Mailhini Mele; 11. It Don't Mean a thing; 12. Easy on the Eyes.

6.00 13. A Song in your Heart; 14. Sweetheart Medley; 15. Strauss Waltz.

6.15 Interval of recorded music from Z.B.W.

6.20 10. They Can't take that away from me; 17. They All Laugh; 18. Let's Call the Whole Thing off; 19. I'm Getting Sentimental over you.

6.30 Children's Records.
Happiness; Mission; In the fashion; Halfway Down; Hopity; Growing Up ("When We Were Very Young"—A. A. Milne, Fraser-Simson); More Very Young Songs (A. A. Milne, Fraser-Simson) Binkie; The Hums Of Poch (A. A. Milne, Fraser-Simson)...George Baker (Baritone).

6.45 D'Indy—Suite For Flute, Violin, Viola, Violoncello And Harp, Op. 91.

Played by Quintette Instrumental De Paris.

7.02 A short concert by Derek Oldham (Tenor) & Essie Ackland (Contralto).

Regimental Song ("The White Eagle"—Frime); One Day (Hans May)...Derek Oldham; The Fairy Tales of Ireland (Eric Coates); Gentle Zephyra (Jensen)...Essie Ackland; Love, I Give You My All ("Luana"—Besly); Waltz Song ("A Waltz Dream"—Herbert—O. Strauss)...Derek Oldham.

7.20 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.25 Variety.
Orchestra—"Going Greek" Selection...New Mayfair Orchestra; Vocal—A Fine Romance; Bojangles Of Harlem (film "Swing Time")...Fred Astaire. Dance Orchestra—Foolin' Myself—Fox-Trot...Harry Roy and His Orchestra; Vocal—Goodnight To You All (Denby-Watson); You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret (O'Connor-Silver-de Murcia)...Morton Downey. Cinema Organ—(Continued on Page 4.)

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POLICE HOLD SOUTH CHINA "A" FOR 50 MINUTES

SAINTS' FORWARDS DISAPPOINTING

Game With Kowloon Saved Two Minutes From End

(By "Abe")

The much-touted St. Joseph's team proved a disappointment on Saturday against Kowloon in the first round of the Senior Football Shield and were extremely lucky to live to play another day. Two minutes before the final whistle, Kowloon led by a goal and just when they appeared to be safe, the Saints got away on the left wing, the movement culminating in Gomes scoring from point-blank range to equalise.

Extra time was played, but neither side succeeded in scoring.

On the day's play, the Saints were slightly the better team; but the inability of the forwards to shoot prevented the side from registering as many goals as they should have done. The inclusion of Connor, Pickering, Beltrao and C. F. Remedios strengthened the defence considerably. Pickering and Beltrao especially proved of incalculable value to the side with their first-time tackling and kicking. The former was rather hard on Knox, the Kowloon centre-forward, but it is only just to say that his shoulder charges were invariably fair.

Whatever a defence is expected to do, the Saints' defenders did. No better display could have been given by Pickering, Costa and Beltrao; yet their side was within an ace of being eliminated from the competition. The reason for this is not far to seek. The Saints' forwards one and all made the great blunder of concentrating on David Leonard in spite of the fact that he could not make headway against the four Kowloon defenders. Whenever they had the ball near goal, they would send it through to him instead of trying to make a run on their own.

MANY CHANCES WASTED

One should have thought that when these tactics failed, the Saints' forwards would have tried others. No, they persisted in these methods and the result was that they missed innumerable opportunities in the first half. Personally I calculate that had the forwards made the most of their chances in this period, the Saints would have been at least six goals up at the time of the intermediate whistle.

Though they were up against a sound defence, the Kowloon forwards impressed not only by their skill in approach but also by the fact that they showed in front of goal, Knox, especially, was a menace whenever he had the ball because of

the terrific shot which he packs in his feet. He made one electrifying run in the opening period and completed the effort with a drive which would probably have made a hole in the net had it been better directed. Jorge and V. White gave their leader splendid support, but it cannot be said that Hornball was a success on the left wing.

Typical cup-tie football was served up. In a match played at such a tension, naturally science has to take a back seat; but it can be said that the game was always interesting. It was featured by the keen duel between the Saints' defence and the swift thrusts of the Kowloon forwards.

The Saints definitely had the better of the exchanges in the first half, their intermediate line, A. J. Hussain, N. Beltrao and C. F. Remedios dominated play. Pickering, at right back, was head and shoulders above every other back on the field. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that St. Joseph's would have lost without his help.

Had Davis Leonard and Co. been more resourceful, Evans, Bliss and O'Connor would have been hard put to it to stem the tide; as it was, the Kowloon halves found themselves quite comfortably off because even when they were beaten they could always rely on the Saints' forwards to beat themselves. Furthermore, Souza and Ulrich, at backs, were dependable and Rowlands, in goal, was as safe as the Bank of England.

Half time arrived with the score-sheet still blank, and ten minutes after the resumption a fine Kowloon movement ended with White crashing the ball into the net. Ward should have equalised, but shot at Rowlands when he had the goal at his mercy. The indomitable courage of the Kowloon defence kept out all the efforts of their opponents and it was not until two minutes before the final whistle that Alves sent in a centre which Rowlands intercepted. (Continued on Page 9.)



Play in progress in the Senior Football Shield match between the Club and Eastern at Happy Valley on Saturday. The Chinese won by two goals to one. —Photo, by Mee Cheung.

WEEK-END CRICKET FEATS

Some Notable Performances

The following were the chief performances in local cricket over the week-end:

BATTING

T.A. Pearce (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	131*
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	103*
G.F. O'Brien (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	75*
W.L. Clark (Police) v. Navy	75*
E.F. Fletcher (K.C.C.) v. C.C.C.	72*
F. Baker (C.S.C.C.) v. I.R.C.	61*
J.E. Richardson (C.S.C.C.) v. I.R.C.	60*
F.K. Lee (C.C.C.) v. K.C.C.	56
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.) v. C.C.C.	55
R.T. Broadbridge (K.C.C. 2nd XI) v. C.C.C.	40
Pie. Chilton (Army "A") v. H.K.C.C.	46
E. Zimmerman (C.C.C.) v. K.C.C.	45
C.S.M. Northcott (Army "A") v. H.K.C.C.	41
H.J. Armstrong (H.K.C.C. 2nd XI) v. Army "A"	40
E.M. Soares (Recreio 2nd XI) v. University	39
L.D. Kilbee (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	37
A.R. Abbas (I.R.C.) v. C.S.C.C.	37
Capt. Whitmarsh (Navy) v. H.K.C.C.	36
A.M. Rodrigues (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	35
K.M. Baxter (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	35
W. A. Reed (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	33
T. R. Hunter (Police) v. Navy	32
Sub. Lieut. Ozio (Navy) v. H.K.C.C.	32
J. W. Leonard (C.C.C. 2nd XI) v. K.C.C.	32
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	31*
H. F. Westlake (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI) v. Army "B"	30
S. A. Small (I.R.C.) v. C.S.C.C.	30
* Not Out. † Retired.	

BOWLING

K. L. Ng (University) v. Recreio 2nd XI	7 for 30
W. L. McKenzie (K.C.C. 2nd XI) v. C.C.C.	7 for 33
G. Winch (C.C.C. 2nd XI) v. K.C.C.	7 for 34
L. G. Gosano (Recreio 2nd XI) v. University	6 for 15
A. K. Small (C.C.C.) v. Recreio	6 for 35
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.) v. Navy	5 for 34
A. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) v. C.S.C.C.	5 for 43
L. Gosano (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	4 for 19
Thompson (Army "B") v. C.S.C.C.	4 for 20
C. Pope (Police) v. Navy	4 for 28
R. G. Robertson (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI) v. Army "B"	4 for 33
N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.) v. C.C.C.	4 for 47
E. L. Gosano (Recreio) v. C.C.C.	3 for 9
F. Zimmerman (K.C.C.) v. Seaford	3 for 10
H. F. Westlake (C.S.C.C. 2nd XI) v. Army "B"	3 for 18

MALAYAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

OFFICIAL TITLES FOR THE FIRST TIME

Singapore, Dec. 7.

The first Malayan championship badminton meeting was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday when the finals of the remaining three events were played off at the Happy World covered stadium.

Both the men's singles and doubles titles were won by the Selangor representatives, while the mixed doubles championship was deservedly won by Miss Wailen Wong and Wong Peng-soon.

A feature of the day was the brilliant performance of A. S. Samuel, of Selangor, in both the men's events, and he was well supported by his new partner, Chan Kon-icong, in the doubles.

The mixed doubles final was rather a one-sided affair, but each of the other two finals proved to be a close and thrilling struggle up to the last point and they were certainly a fitting finish to a very interesting tournament.

In the singles match between A. S. Samuel and Seah Eng-hee, the former simply smashed his way to victory in the first set which he won easily, as the score of 15-1 would indicate.

Eng-hee, however, was not to be beaten easily after this and in spite of being behind 1-7 in the second set he fought back gallantly to score steadily, ultimately winning the set by 5-0 after deuce was called at 13-11.

FIRST OFFICIAL CHAMPION

There were thrills galore in the deciding set and the atmosphere was electric when Samuel slowly caught up to level the score at 13—all after Eng-hee has led 13-10. It was anybody's game at this stage but overcautiousness on the part of Eng-hee led to his downfall.

Instead of playing his usual confident game and smashing whenever the opportunity offered, he attempted to draw his opponent to the net with drop shots which, however, failed to pass the net.

Samuel, although tired at this stage, was coolness personified and made good use of his drop shots whenever he found his smashes to be ineffective. After leading 4-0, Samuel conceded a point, and then a smash along the side line brought him the winning point to become the first official Malayan singles champion.

MEN'S DOUBLES

The men's doubles final also went to three sets. The Selangor pair led 20-17 in the first set, which, however, was won by the local pair after a hectic struggle.

Fortunes fluctuated rapidly in the second set, and each in turn took the lead until 18-11 was reached. The local players at this stage were a little too excited and this cost them dearly as they lost this, and the deciding set, to a much steeper

pair, who took no risks whatever and who were as effective in attack as sound in defence.

The following were the full scores of the games played:

A. S. Samuel beat Seah Eng-hee 15-1, 13-13 (0-3), 13-13 (5-3).

A. S. Samuel and Chan Kon-icong beat Wong Peng-soon and Chan Chim-bock 20-20 (0-3), 21-18, 21-15.

Miss Wailen Wong and Wong Peng-soon beat Mrs. L. M. Pennecfather and Koh Keng-siang 21-11, 21-12.

THE TITLE WINNERS

The prizes were distributed to the following winners by Mrs. Tay Lian-teck, for whom three cheers were called and who was the recipient of a bouquet handed to her by Miss Wailen Wong:

Men's Open Singles (Dunlop Cup): Champion: A. S. Samuel.

Runner-up: Seah Eng-hee.

Men's Open Doubles (Sikys Cup): Champions: A. S. Samuel and Chan Kon-icong.

Runners-up: Wong Peng-soon and Chan Chim-bock.

Women's Open Singles (Ho Hong Cup): Champion: Mrs. L. M. Pennecfather.

Runner-up: Miss Lee Chee-neo.

Women's Open Doubles (Woods Cup): Champions: Mrs. L. M. Pennecfather and Mrs. Chiong Hok-chor.

Runners-up: Miss Lee Chee-neo and Miss Lee Kim-neo.

Mixed Doubles (Robinson Cup): Champions: Miss Wailen Wong and Wong Peng-soon.

Runners-up: Mrs. L. M. Pennecfather and Koh Keng-siang.

MARTON BECOMES CHAMPION

Of Royal Hongkong Golf Club

In good weather O. E. C. Marton and D. S. Edward played the final of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's championship over 36 holes on the Old Course at Fanling yesterday. At the halfway stage, Marton was one up and Edward continued to make a good fight of it until he missed a holeable putt at the seventh. Thereafter he cracked and did not win another hole till the thirtieth. Marton by then was in a safe position and won at the fourteenth by five up and four to play.

FALTER AFTER CONCEDING FIRST GOAL

EXCITING ENCOUNTER IN SENIOR SOCCER SHIELD

(By "Abe")

For fifty minutes, the Police hold South China "A" at bay and frustrated every attempt of the Chinese to score yesterday on the Club ground when the teams met in the first round of the Senior Shield. However, when Lai Shiu-wing had got past Manning with a ground shot 15 minutes after the interval, the defence cracked up and the Chinese scored three more to win finally by four goals to nil.

The first 50 minutes of the game was tense, exciting, if unscientific football. Play was too keen to allow of the players to settle down to think of their moves. It was kick and run most of the time, with speed at a premium.

Considering that they were without the services of Gough and Johnston, the Police did very well to hold the Chinese for three-quarters of the game. Brittain, the "old war horse", turned out as pivot while Morrison went to right half, Willerton to centre-forward and T. Pile to right wing. When the teams lined up at the start, I thought the Chinese would have a runaway victory; but I was pleasantly surprised to see the great resistance put up by the keepers of the law.

South China "A" also did not field its full side. An important link, Lau Hing-chol, centre half, was missing, fortunately Leung Wing-chiu was an able substitute and played himself literally to a standstill in checking the progress of Howlett, Moss and Willerton. It was his ascendancy in the centre of the field, made more pronounced by the splendid support given him by Lee Kwok-wai and Lau Tin-sang, which finally wore down the Police resistance.

The Chinese definitely had more scoring opportunities than their opponents. However, the forwards indulged in too much short passing, especially in the first half, and also lacked ball control. His weight nullified their own efforts. Lai Shiu-wing, although he scored twice in the second half, was not his usual self, and Fung King-cheong was not given many chances to take deliberate shots at goal.

POLICE DEFENCE SHINES

Again the Police defenders distinguished themselves. Manning saved the side on several occasions. Lai Shiu-wing had put them ahead in the first 50 minutes, and could 15 minutes after the start in the hardly be blamed for letting in four second period. Less than five minutes goals in the concluding stages of the later. Pile handled the ball in the encounter. Bone and Pile were penalty area and Fung put the Chin-steady, the former especially so. One case two up from the spot pick. The mistake, which led to the third Chinese goal, was scored by Lai again when he ran round Pile and coolly planted instead of clearing the ball, he left it the ball out of Manning's reach. The to Manning while he himself tried to fourth, although scored by Cheuk block Lai Shiu-wing. The Chinese Shek-kam, was "made" by Tang inside ran round him, however, and Kwong-sum and Lal. scored easily past the advancing Teams.

Though not as polished as Gough, Willerton, Brittain, North, T. Pile, Green, Brittain was a tower of strength and South China "A"—Chen Siew-only in the last 20 minutes or so that he was; Mak Shu-hon, Li Tin-sang; Lau did he falter. North, however, was Tin-sang, Leung Wing-chiu, Lee the best Police half-back; he was Kwok-wai; Tang Kwong-sum, Lee responsible for keeping Tang Kwong-shu-wing, Fung King-cheung, Cheuk sum quiet on the Chinese right wing. Shek-kam and Cheung Moon-wing.



Leung Wing-chiu

he played himself to a standstill. Morrison did not seem to be quite at home in the intermediate line.

Of the forwards, Howlett was the trickiest, but T. Pile surprised by scoring opportunities than their opponents. However, the forwards indulged in too much short passing, especially in the first half, and also lacked ball control. His weight nullified their own efforts. Lai Shiu-wing, although he scored twice in the second half, was not his usual self, and Fung King-cheong was not given many chances to take deliberate shots at goal.

CHINESE IMPROVE

After the splendid fight they put up in the first 50 minutes, the Police certainly did not deserve to lose by such a margin. However, there is no gainsaying the fact that the Chinese were definitely the better side after the interval.

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SOCCER LEAGUE TABLES

Present Standings Of Teams

Division I	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesex	11	7	2	2	26	18	16
S. China "B"	8	7	1	0	22	7	15
Seaford	10	7	0	3	24	17	14
S. China "A"	10	6	1	3	33	13	13
Kowloon	9	5	1	3	16	11	11
Eastern	9	4	1	4	23	18	9
Police	9	2	3	4	20	19	7
St. Joseph's	8	2	1	5	26	21	5
Club	7	1	0	6	22	36	2
K. Chinese	11	0	0	11	10	62	0

Division II	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesex	8	7	1	0	30	7	15
5th Bde. R.A.	7	7	0	0	29	11	14
Kwong Wah	9	5	3	1	30	11	13
R.E. European	10	5	2	3	33	18	12
South China	10	6	0	4	27	15	12
Seaford	9	4	3	2	14	16	11
Kowloon	9	3	1	5	15	19	7
C. Police	10	0	7	3	17	40	6
Club	9	2	0	7	14	33	4
R.E. Chinese	7	1	0	6	8	37	2
Eastern	7	0	0	7	5	26	0

Division III—Hongkong	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Medicals	11	8	1	2	38	11	17
R.A.O.C.	10	5	2	3	28	22	12
5th Bde. R.A.	8	4	3	1	28	28	11
Police	9	5	0	4	26	23	10
Engineers	7	4	1	2	27	12	9
R.A.S.C.	8	2	1	5	11	19	5
Powhattan	11	0	2	9	9	60	2

Division IV—Kowloon	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Portuguese	10	9	1	0	49	12	19
Seaford	11	6	1	4	29	14	13
24th Bty. R.A.	11	6	1	4	20	20	13
R.A.F.	10	4	3	3	18	26	11
Rumours	11	4	1	6	25	28	9
Signals	9	2	3	4	10	26	7
20th Bty. R.A.	10	1	1	8	16	31	3
University	10	1	1	8	16	31	3

IMPORTANT BADMINTON ENCOUNTER

Chinese "Y" Play Undergraduates

Three matches are down for decision in the "A" Division of the Badminton League this evening. The most interesting one will be that between the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the University "A", who will clash on the former's court.

At the beginning of the season it was felt that the Chinese "Y" would have something to say regarding the destination of the championship, but they offered little opposition to the Club de Recreio "A", who beat them by seven games to two. To-night they will have a chance to redeem themselves. If they beat the undergraduates and the latter beat Recreio "A", there will be a triangular tie.

The programme is as follows:
University "B" v. Recreio "A" (8 p.m.)
Recreio "B" v. King's College (6 p.m.)
Chinese "Y" v. University "A" (6.30 p.m.)

HOCKEY TEAM

Club Players To Meet Army

The following team will represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Army in the Triangular Tournament on Wednesday, December 22 at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground at King's Park:
V. M. Benwell; R. A. Wallace, E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed, J. E. Potter; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Dwyer (Capt.), B. I. Bickford, and V. Bond.



SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Machine Gunners Defeat English Forum

The Machine Gun Company recorded their second win of the season in the Softball League yesterday when they beat the English Forum six to five. In their second match, however, they were heavily defeated by the Vets 18 to four.

The Filipino Club defeated Central British Association 15 to eight. The Vets tallied their second win of the day by beating Canadian Chinese six to two.

SAINTS' FORWARDS DISAPPOINT

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A melee in front of goal ensued and Gomes was seen to kick the ball into an empty net.

Some exciting play was seen until the end of full time. The defences again prevailed at extra time. A draw was a fair reflection of the encounter.

Teams:
St. Joseph's—Connor; Pickering, Costa; Hussain, Beltrao, Remedios; C. Marques, Ward, Leonard, J. Gomes and A. Alves.
Kowloon—Rowlands; Souza, A. Ulrich; Evans, Bliss, O'Connor; W. Knox, Jorge, D. Knox, V. White and Honniball.

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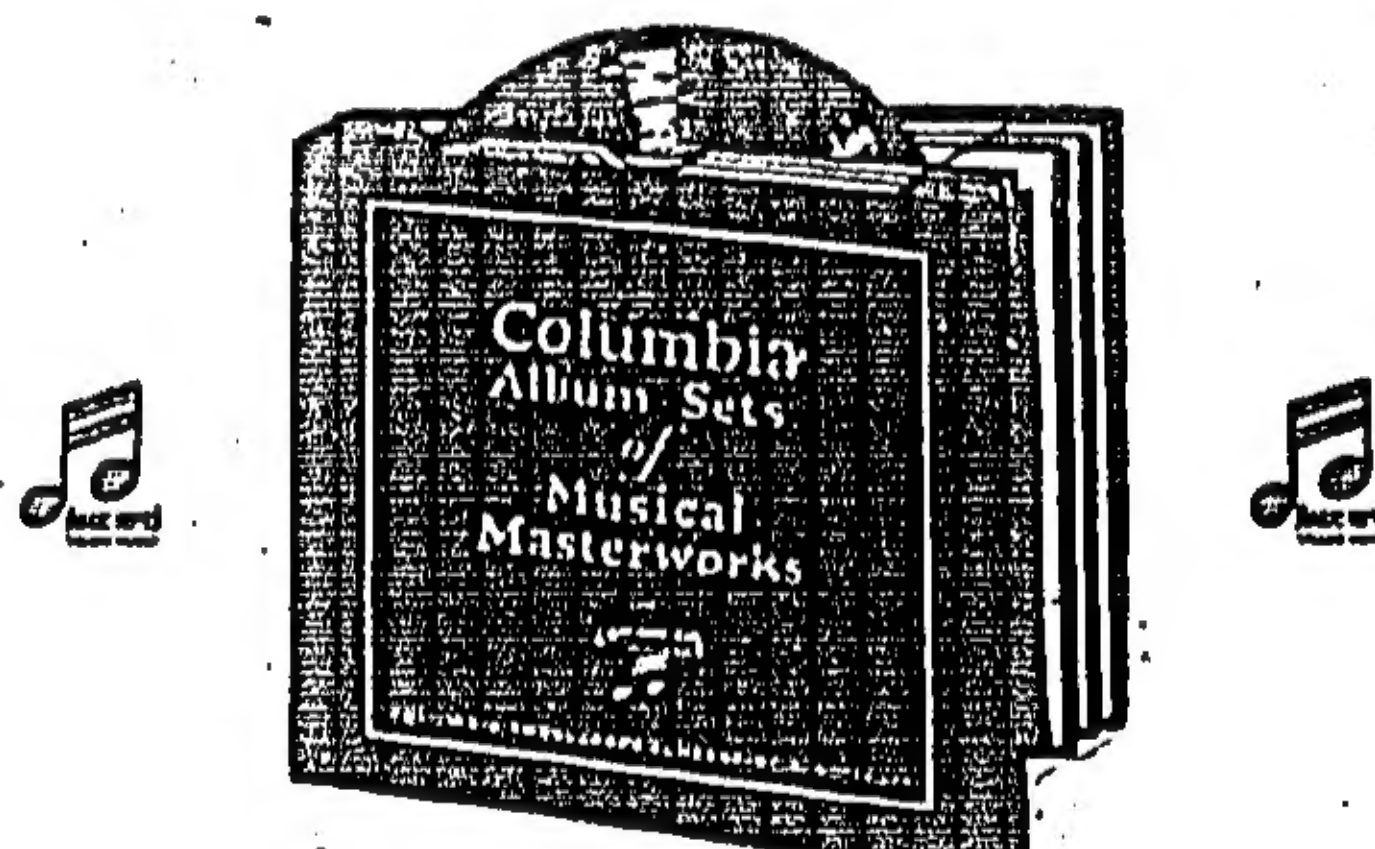
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Russian Offer Of Aid Denied

Hankow, Dec. 20.
The report that the Soviet Ambassador had arrived and conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to whom he is said to have submitted certain proposals, such as the organization of a Popular Front Government, the employment of Soviet army officers and the despatch to China of Soviet planes and aviators, is flatly denied at the Chinese and Russian headquarters here.

M. Ivan Luganets, the Ambassador, is reported to be on his way to Urumchi from Moscow.—Reuter.

MR. N. G. GEE PASSES AWAY

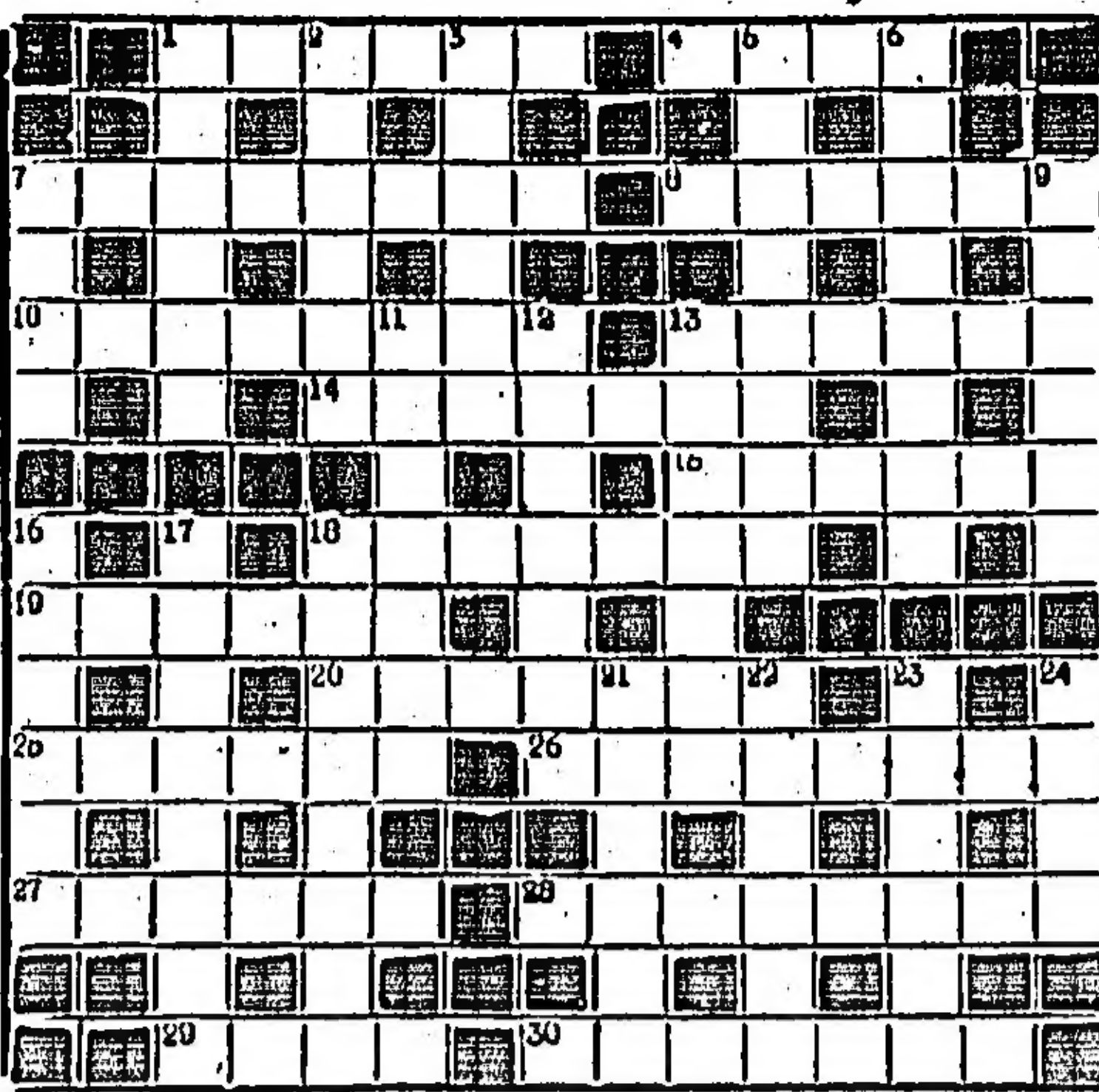
Information has been received in Hongkong that Mr. Nathaniel Gist Gee, formerly of the Rockefeller Foundation in Peiping, died on December 18 at his home in Greenwood, South Carolina. The late Mr. Gee, who was aged 63, was the father of Mr. Charles N. Gee, well-known local American resident.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1.25 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £20½ n.
Chartered Bank, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £32½ n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £15 n.
East Asia Bank, \$80 n.
Insurance
Canton Ins., \$272½ n.
Union Ins., \$140 n.
China Underwriters, \$1.50 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$246 n.
Shipping
Douglas, \$18½ b.
H.K. Steamships, \$8.20 b.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Docks, \$9½ n.
Union Waterways, \$9.30 n.
Docks etc.
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$118 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$24.25 n.
Providents (old), \$2 b.
Providents (new), 35 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh.—
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kail in Mining Adm. 17/6 n.
Itabes, \$1 n.
Venz Goldfield, \$5 n.
Philippe Mining
Antamok, P. 40 n.
Atoks, P. 15½ n.
Baguio Gold, P. 14½ n.
Benguet Consol., 8/80 n.
Benguet Exp., P.—
Biy Wedge, P.—
Coco Grove, P. 30½ n.
Consolidated Mines, P. 111 n.
Demonstrations, P. 33½ n.
E. Mindanao, P.—
Gumaus Goldfields, P.—
Ipo Gold, P.—
I.X.L., P. 52 n.
Itogon, P.—
Masbate Consols, P.—
Min. Resources, P.—
Northern Min., P.—
Paracale Gumaus, P.—
Salacot Mining, P.—
San Marcelino, P. 41 n.
Suyoc Consol., P. 14½ n.
United Paracales, P. 41 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.20 n.
H.K. Lands, \$32 n.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, Sh.—
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—
Humphries, \$9½ n.
H.K. Realities, \$4.85 n.
Chinese Estates, \$88 n.
China Realities, Sh.—
China Deben, —
Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, \$13.30 n.
Peak Trams (old), 7½ n.
Peak Trams (new), 3¾ n.
Yau-mat Ferries (old), \$24½ n.
Star Ferries, \$80 n.
China Light (old), \$11 b.
China Lights (new) C.R. \$10.80 b.
H.K. Electric, \$52 n.
Macao Electric, 12 n.
Sundakan Lights, \$14½ n.
Telephone (old), \$26½ n.
Telephone (new), \$9.30 n.
China Buses, Sh.—
Singapore Traction, 23/6 n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.
Industrials
Cold. Mck. (old), Sh.—
Cold. Mck. (Pref.), Sh.—
Canton Tees, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$12½ s.
H.K. Ropes, \$3.80 n.
Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$24 n.
Watsons, \$4.75 n.
Lane Crawford, \$8.00 n.
Sinceres, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. n.
Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons Sh. \$13.40 n.
Shai Cottons (old), Sh. \$77 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh.—
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—
Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainments, \$5.00 b.
Constructions (old), \$1.00 n.
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- 1 From census to census (6).
- 2 Self-satisfied (4).
- 3 He wanders where he likes but his end is a tie (8).
- 4 Each part of this cleavage is final (6).
- 5 It's getting bigger and the inside is well in (8).
- 6 He may make play with words (6).
- 7 Staffs may be expended in this part of Britain (7).
- 8 Fishermen make use of part of this plant (6).
- 9 A cause of repeated interruptions in speeches (7).
- 10 Joseph's brethren may have mentioned something like this part of the eye on arrival in Egypt (6).
- 11 A flavouring, and I see its make-up (7).
- 12 Tax (6).
- 13 A fabled source of wealth, the heart of which has rarely troubled our citizens (8).
- 14 This law still runs in parts of Africa (6).
- 15 Between the sixth letter and the last can be made to deliver (6).
- 16 A colour (4).
- 17 A dish (6).

DOWN

- 1 Its sticking power increases with reckness (6).
- 2 This stone does not mend shoes—on the contrary (6).
- 3 The first part of this is noisy because of the soup perhaps (6).
- 4 A lawless ruler (6).
- 5 A useful lead to followers of artistic callings (8).
- 6 It may contain blooms, as in the middle (4).

- 9 It's not her arrangement that may sting one (6).
- 11 Con in this urgent time would be feeble (7).
- 12 Don't take the long view here, it would be wrong (7).
- 13 More than an extra structure is taken possession of (7).
- 14 Writing with a tear in it (6).
- 15 At Xmas one may find this contains articles of present value (8).
- 16 One of the views of sailor men (8).
- 17 One and one make more than two (6).
- 21 The ruler of the U.S.A.? (6).
- 22 The actions of the giver of this need not be guarded (6).
- 23 Serpentine if tailless, this animal might be useful on the Serpentine if headless (4).

Saturday's Solution.

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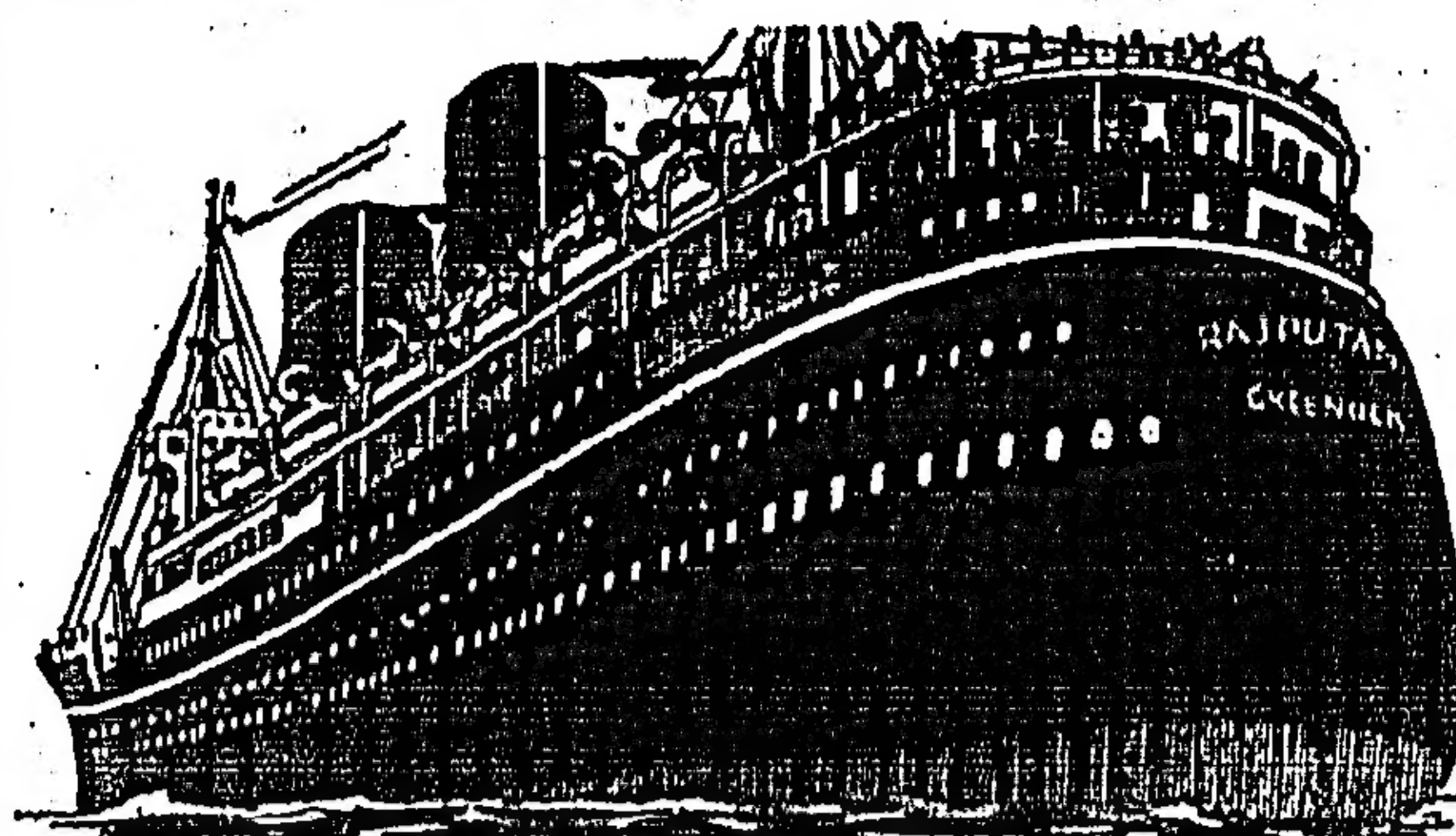
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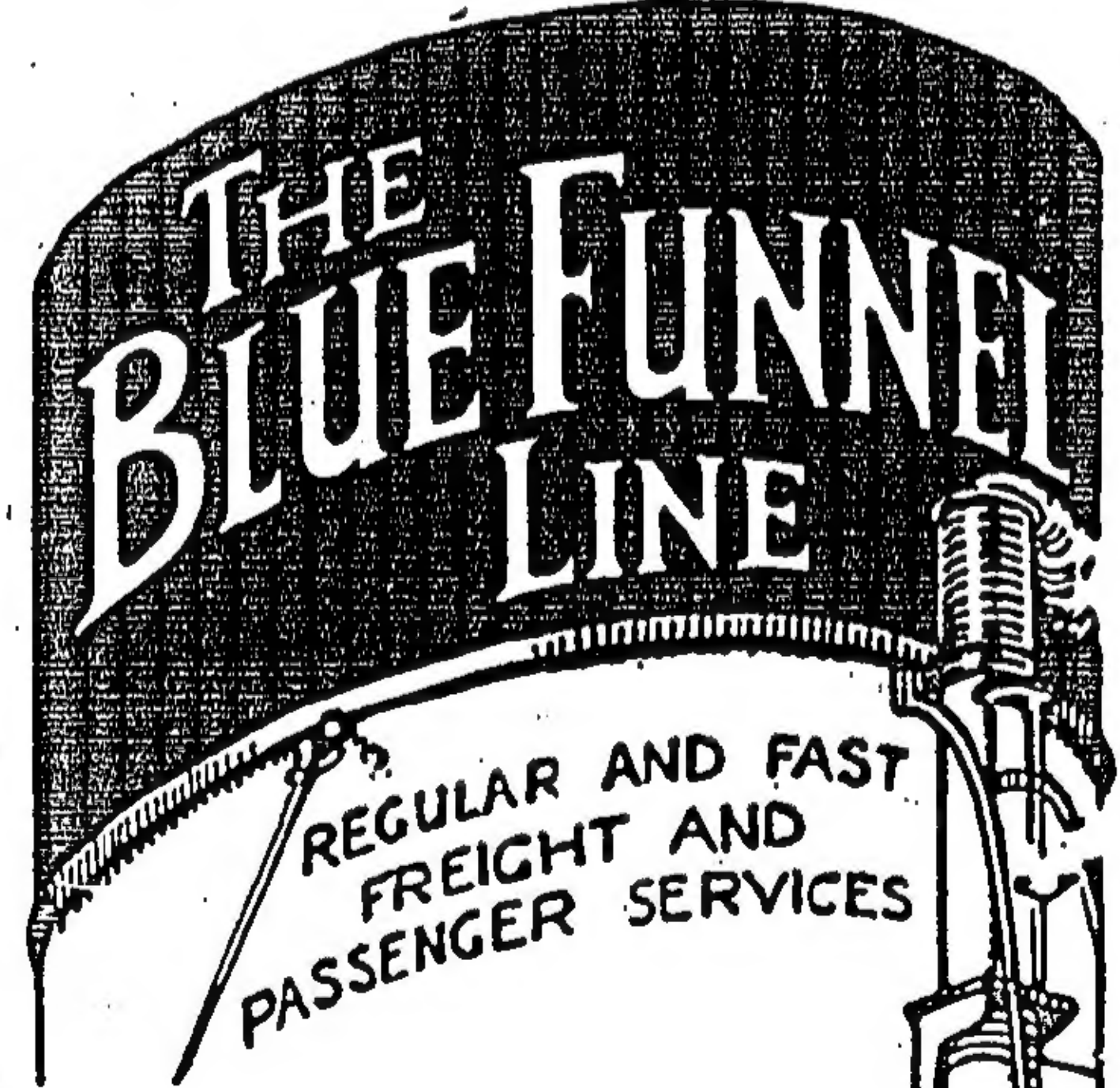
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HERE are pictures that will horrify you. They tell the story of the slaughter of fifty schoolchildren as Franco's airmen swept over the open city of Lerida, behind the Aragon front, on All Saints Day. Bombing the homes of the inhabitants and machine-gunning civilians as they fled, panic-stricken, for safety to the country, they wrecked a school in which not one child was afterwards found alive. Altogether they killed 155 persons. All the horror of the inhumanity of the conflict is expressed in the picture of this woman as she found a relative among the dead. Her attitude of helpless grief is a tragic commentary on the horrors of modern warfare.



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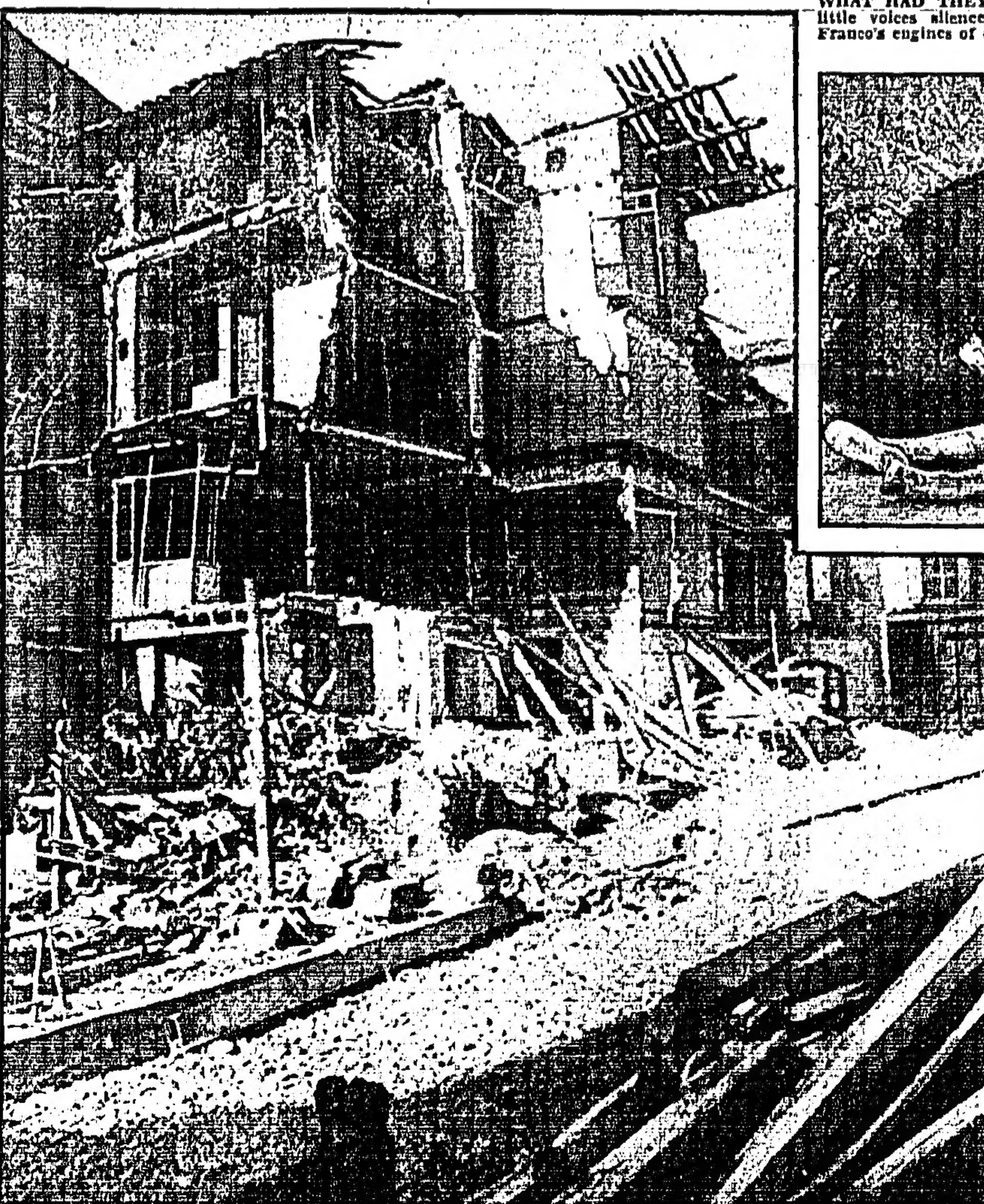
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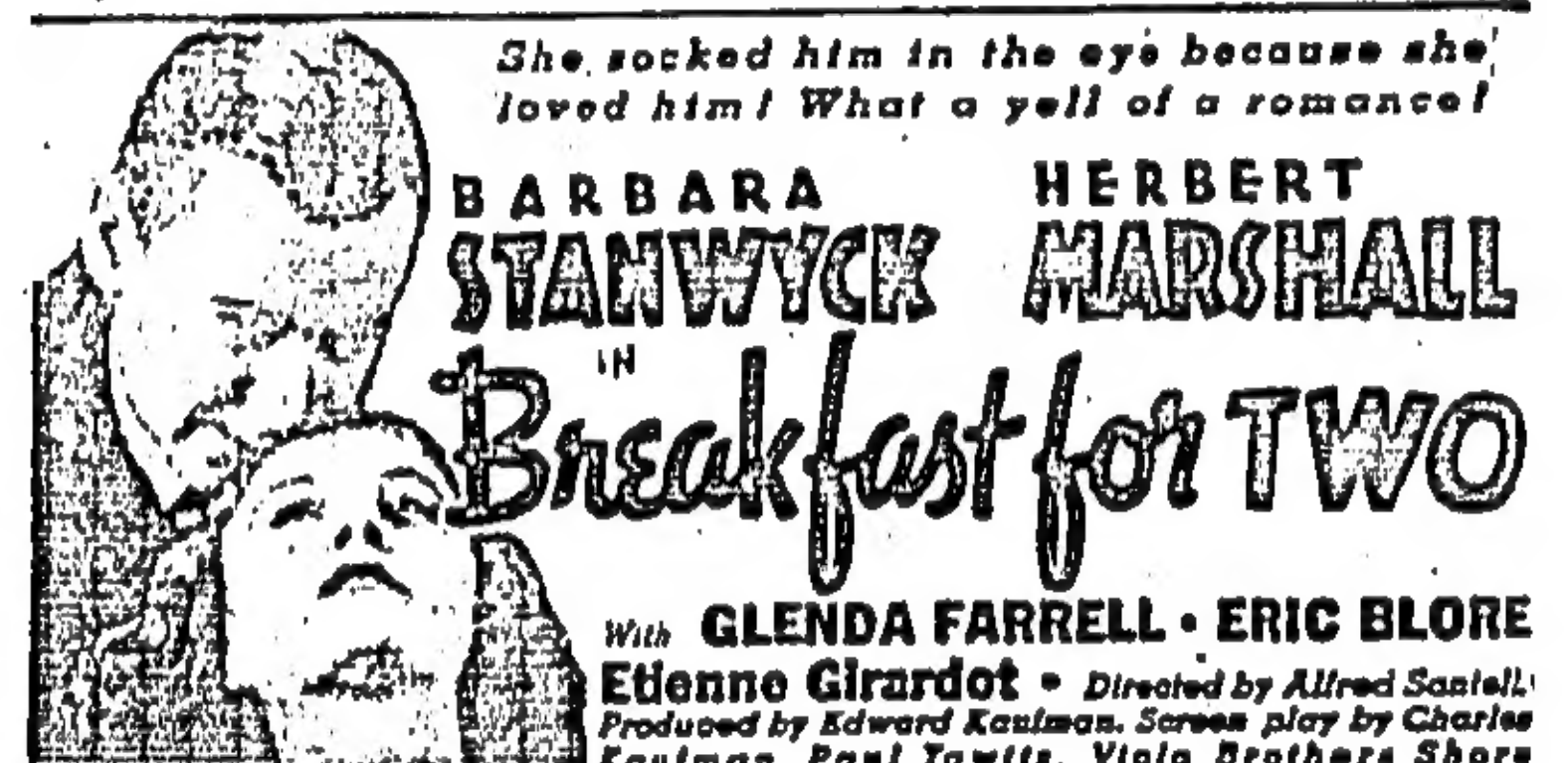
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JAPANESE EXPLAIN SHELLING

Mistook Ladybird
For Enemy Ship

Shanghai, Dec. 20.
H.M.S. Ladybird was shelled
by Japanese batteries near Wuhu
on December 12 in the belief that
she was an escort for ships
carrying Chinese troops, declared
a Japanese spokesman to-day in
releasing the preliminary find-
ings of the investigation of the
incident.

The official said the incident
occurred in the early morning when
the river was shrouded in thick fog
and all distant objects were scarcely dis-
cernable.

A Japanese officer had told the in-
quiry that the Ladybird emitted
thick smoke which resembled a
smoke-screen. In belief that such a
convey could only be used for the
transportation of troops, the officer
in charge of the battery ordered the
guns to fire.

The spokesman refused to answer
questions as to details of the incident
on the grounds that the investiga-
tion was still incomplete.—Reuter.

PURSuing INQUIRY

Shanghai, Dec. 20.
A Japanese spokesman said this
morning regarding the sinking of
the U.S.S. Panay on December 12
that the visit of Japanese officers to
the ship to exchange calling cards and
the alleged machine-gunning of the
vessel were not related.

The official declared that "this
means that two different army units
were involved" and added that the
exchange of calling cards took place
about 20 miles from the spot where
the ill-starred warship was anchored
on the fatal Sunday.

The new investigation, following
upon this revelation, said the spokes-
man, would be thorough, and
necessitated that despatch of special
agents to chase Japanese units which
were already advancing northwards
along the Tientsin-Pukow railway.—
Reuter.

RELEASING REPORT

Shanghai, Dec. 20.
A Japanese military spokesman an-
nounced this morning that the Japa-
nese military attaché, General Harada,
who personally investigated the
Panay and Ladybird incidents, has
returned to Shanghai and will make
public his report this afternoon.

The report, while it represents the
conclusions of the Japanese military
investigations, cannot be regarded as
Tokyo's final answer.

The same spokesman stated that
Japanese troops on Thursday
captured points 20 kilometres east and
30 kilometres west of Yangchow.—
United Press.

DENIES CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY

Shanghai, Dec. 20.
A Japanese Embassy spokesman
denied reports of the confiscation of
privately-owned property in the
Hongkew and Yangtsepoo districts.
He said that in some cases property
had been requisitioned, in which event
the Japanese would pay the owners.
—United Press.

DUCHESS FOR SWATOW

H.M.S. Duchess leaves for Swatow
to-day.

CANTON PEOPLE RUSH FOR H.K.

RUMOURS OF ATTACK SPREAD IN CITY

Canton, Dec. 20.

The news that hostilities are likely to break out in
South China, following reports of an imminent Japanese
landing at Bias Bay, is spreading throughout the city,
and steamers to Hongkong and Macao have been crowded
with excited Chinese since the early hours this morning,
all anxious to avoid what they believe may be a second
Nanking disaster.

Chinese official sources at present refuse to comment
on the reports of the imminence of the Japanese landing,
but the threat to Canton itself is not considered
immediate, some sources suggesting that the first
Japanese move will be to cut the Canton-Kowloon rail-
way, isolating Canton from Hongkong.

It is reiterated that General Yu Hon-mau's troops
which constitute the bulk of Kwangtung's defence forces
will stand to offer staunch resistance to any invasion.—
Reuter.

SHAMEEN NOT DISTURBED

Canton, Dec. 20.

While excitement is considerable
concerning the reports of an intended
Japanese landing, foreign Consuls
profess themselves to be completely
unable to confirm the story, and
Shameen is only mildly interested, it
being generally felt that this is
merely another rumour.

In the event of a Japanese threat

to Canton, the British Consul-
General, Mr. A. P. Blunt, has an-
nounced that British women and
children would be requested to
evacuate, but Reuter is reliably in-
formed that this order has not yet
been given, and will not be given
until a Japanese landing, likely to
affect Canton, actually occurs.

Mr. Blunt left for Hongkong this
morning, it is reported, in order to dis-
cuss the present situation with the
Hongkong authorities.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS NEWS

TSINGTAO LOOTING

Shanghai, Dec. 20.
Reports from Tsingtao state that
Chinese crowds looted several
Japanese shops on the outskirts of
the city, but at present the looting
has stopped and everything is quiet.
A Japanese naval spokesman said
that according to his information, all
Japanese mills in Tsingtao have been
completely destroyed.—United Press.

UNEXPECTED TURN FOR WORSE

Berlin, Dec. 20.

A bulletin issued in the early hours
of this morning states that General
Ludendorff's condition became critical
overnight due to an unexpected weak-
ness of the heart.

The General recently made such
good progress that physicians yester-
day were planning to allow him to
leave the nursing home and to re-
turn to his villa at Tutzing.—Reuter.

Award To Oil Workers Resented

Mexico City, Dec. 20.

A serious situation has followed the
Federal Arbitration Board's decision
of increasing oil workers' wages and
social conditions at a cost of about
\$1,500,000 annually to foreign oil
companies.

The companies have issued a state-
ment complaining of a glaring denial
of justice and refusing to accept res-
ponsibility for the consequences that
may arise.

It is believed here that the state-
ment may indicate a threat to sus-
pend operations throughout Mexico.
—Reuter.

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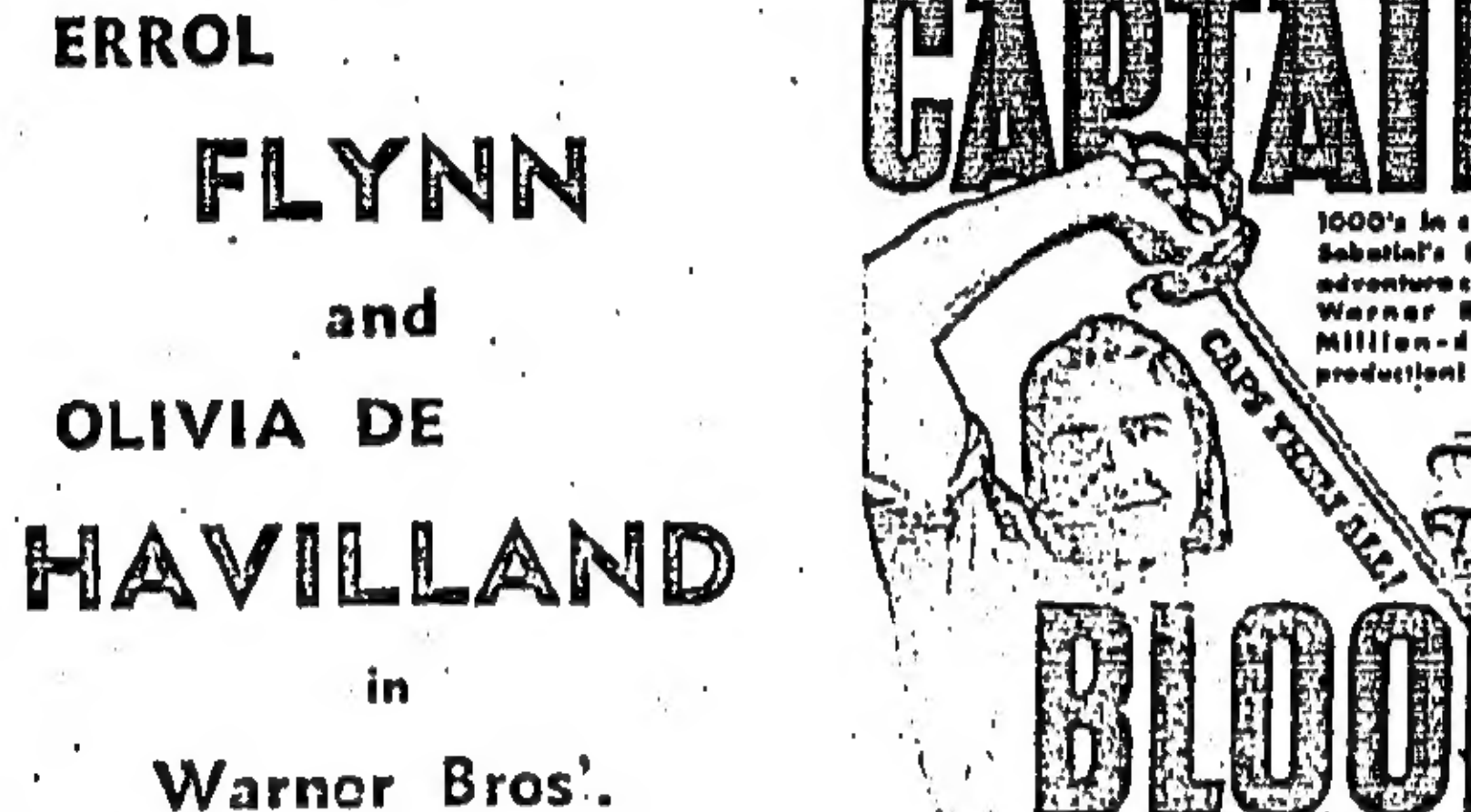
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